

Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019 of Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice for Clinical Dental Technology and Implant Overdentures

Under the Legislation Act 2019, notice is given of the making of the following secondary legislation:

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Empowering provision(s)</i> | <i>Administering agency</i> | <i>Date made</i> |
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| Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 | Section 12 | Dental Council | 31 March 2026 |

This secondary legislation can be accessed at: <http://dcnz.org.nz/resources-and-publications/resources/gazette-notices/>.

The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the scope of practice for clinical dental technology as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 12 November 2021, Notice No. 2021-sl4799](#). The scope of practice and competencies for clinical dental technology as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 12 November 2021, Notice No. 2021-sl4799](#) remain unchanged.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Clinical Dental Technology

New Zealand Accredited Programme

- Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology University of Otago.

Examination

- A clinical dental technology qualification and a pass in the New Zealand Clinical Dental Technology Registration Examination.

Competent Authority - Qualification

Australia

- An educational institution dental prosthetics qualification accredited by the Australian Dental Council¹.
- An Australian educational institution qualification approved by the Dental Board of Australia for the purposes of registration in dental prosthetics in Australia².

Competent Authority - Registration³ (from 1 November 2026)

- Current full/unrestricted/unconditional clinical dental technology or equivalent registration with a competent authority(s) recognised by the Dental Council⁴; and
- Clinical practice⁵ in clinical dental technology in the recognised competent authority(s) for at least 33 months (working 20 hours or more per week) during the 48 months prior to application.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice of Implant Overdentures

- A Dental Council approved implant overdenture course or a pass in the Dental Council implant overdenture registration examination.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of March 2026.

MARIE MACKAY, Chief Executive, Dental Council.

Endnotes

1. Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.
2. From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.
3. Upon commencement of practice in New Zealand, practitioners registered under the competent authority registration pathway will practise under the oversight of a Dental Council approved practitioner for a period of at least six months under the terms of the oversight protocol.
4. Republic of Ireland (Dental Council of Ireland), United Kingdom (General Dental Council), Australia (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) for the purposes of clinical dental technology.
5. Clinical practice means the maintenance of health through the assessment, diagnosis, management, treatment, and

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prevention of any disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures.

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