

Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019 of Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists

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>
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 oral and maxillofacial surgery specialists as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 19 January 2023, Notice No. 2023-sl76](#). The scope of practice and competencies for oral and maxillofacial surgery specialists as published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 19 January 2023, Notice No. 2023-sl76](#) remain unchanged.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists

New Zealand Accredited Programmes

- MDS/MBChB (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) University of Otago¹.
- DClintDent (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) University of Otago^{2,3}.
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)⁴.

Competent Authority - Qualification

Australia

- An Australian ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClintDent programme in oral and maxillofacial surgery⁵, and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools⁶.
- An Australian educational institution specialist qualification approved by the Dental Board of Australia for the purposes of specialist registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Australia⁷, and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.

United Kingdom

- Registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery with the General Medical Council, United Kingdom.

United States of America

- Board certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery in a United States of America state and possession of a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools and dental degree.

Canada

- Board certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery in a Canadian province and possession of a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools and dental degree.

Examination

- Two years or more of full-time equivalent oral and maxillofacial surgery specialist qualification, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Dental Specialist Registration Examination.

Dated at Wellington this 31st day of March 2026.

MARIE MACKAY, Chief Executive, Dental Council.

Endnotes

1. Accreditation expired.
2. Entry criteria require completed undergraduate dentistry and medical degrees.

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3. Accreditation periods: 1 January 2012–31 December 2018, and 7 December 2020–31 December 2023. Graduates during the accredited periods are eligible for registration.
4. Accredited RACDS oral and maxillofacial surgery training programme conferred from 15 March 2012.
5. Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.
6. WHO World Directory of Medical Schools replaced by Avicenna since August 2008, and the Faimer IMED Directory signed an agreement in March 2012 with WFME's Avicenna Directory to collaborate in single directory - World Directory of Medical Schools.
7. From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

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