Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019 of Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice for Oral Medicine Specialists

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

Title	*Empowering provision(s)*	*Administering agency*
Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003	Section 12	Dental Council

This notice revokes and replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral Medicine Specialists as published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 11 October 2024, Notice No. 2024-sl5118. The scope of practice and competencies for oral medicine specialists published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 19 January 2023, Notice No. 2023-sl77 remain unchanged.

This notice has the status of secondary legislation for the purpose of the Legislation Act 2019 and can be accessed at: https://dcnz.org.nz/about-the-dental-council/who-we-are/publications?type=Gazette+notice#e738.

This notice comes into force on 10 December 2026.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral Medicine Specialists

New Zealand

- MDS/MBChB (Oral Medicine) University of Otago.
- DClinDent (Oral Medicine) University of Otago and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.[1,2]
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in Oral Medicine.[3]

Australia

- An ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in oral medicine and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.[4]
- A Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in oral medicine in Australia and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.[5]

Other

- Two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Oral medicine Specialist Examination.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2026.

MARIE MACKAY, Chief Executive, Dental Council.

Endnotes

1. Conferred from 2013.

2. 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

3. RACDS oral medicine training programme accredited from 3 March 2026. Commencement of this programme is dependent on the establishment of oral medicine registrar role/s and the agreement for RACDS to undertake the training in accordance with the accredited programme.

4. Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia

5. From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

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