

Orthodontic auxiliary prescribed qualification pathways

Trainee

Graduate Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, Academy of Orthodontic

Eligibility

Underlying therapy, hygiene or dentistry qualification and approved experience in the provision of orthodontic auxiliary services

Enrolment criteria

- Apply to Dental Council for approval of supervisor ([Supervision form](#))
 - Requirements include, but not limited to, blood borne virus test results and English Language requirements
- All trainees must obtain confirmation of a Council approved supervisor prior to performing any clinical activities (dentist or dental specialist)
- Enrolment in Trapezio online course

Training components

- Supervisor approval received and supervisor protocol agreed
- Complete Trapezio on-line training and in-house training
- Receive certificates for both components, once successfully completed.

After completion of online training:

- Complete two-day retreat with all required supporting documentation
- Obtain attestation of competency letter from supervisor and submit this to the Dental Council with online application for registration

Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, New Zealand Association of Orthodontists

Overall eligibility

Meeting NZAO OATP enrolment criteria
Supervising Orthodontist with NZAO practice accreditation

NZAO OATP Enrolment criteria

- Enrolled in or completed NZDA Dental Assistant programme & completed cross-infection module or previous dental qualification
- Blood borne virus test results
- First Aid certificate (NZQA standard 6401)
- Evidence of meeting Dental Council [English Language Policy](#)
 - (Minimum IELTS score of 6 in each category or minimum OET score of 250 in each category)

NZAO OATP training components

- Trapezio online training and in-house training using manual

After completion of in-house and online training then:

- Complete two-day retreat with all required supporting documentation
- If successfully completed all components and met all NZAO OATP requirements, a NZAO Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting will be issued to the trainee

Registration application

- Once the requirements are met, the graduate can apply for registration online via the practitioner portal
- The application pathway is New Zealand prescribed qualification (excluding examinations)
- Applicant must select practising or non-practising (retention)