

Scope of practice for dental technology

The practice of dental technology involves the processes and procedures associated with the design, manufacture and repair of fixed and removable oral and extra-oral appliances and prostheses prescribed by a practising dentist, dental specialist, clinical dental technician or other health practitioner when allowed within their scope of practice¹, and carried out in accordance with a dental technician's approved education, training, experience and competence.

The scope of practice encompasses the dental technology competencies.

Practice in this context goes wider than dental technology practice to include teaching, research, and management, given that such roles influence clinical and technical practice and public safety. Areas of dental technology practice that were not included in a practitioner's training should not be undertaken unless the practitioner has completed appropriate training and practices to the standard required by the Standards Framework for Oral Health Practitioners.

Prescribed qualifications for the scope of practice for dental technology

New Zealand

- Bachelor of Dental Technology, University of Otago
- Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours, University of Otago
- Diploma in Dental Technology, issued by a New Zealand educational institution, and commenced prior to 18 September 2004.

Other

- An approved overseas dental technology qualification and a pass in the New Zealand Dental Technicians Registration Examination.