

Guide for Overseas Qualified Dentists

To work as a dentist in Australia, you must be registered with the Dental Board of Australia (the Board). To be eligible for registration, you must hold a qualification that is equivalent to an Australia 4-year full-time degree in dental practice. The Australian Dental Council (ADC) coordinates assessment of dental qualifications. If you are not eligible to apply directly for registration with the Board, you will need to be assessed through the ADC's examination process to gain an ADC certificate which deems you eligible to apply for registration with the Board.

Steps:

- ☐ Check your qualification with the Board of Australia
 - ☐ If your qualification is recognised, directly apply for registration with the Board.
 - ☐ If your qualification is not on the list, apply to be assessed by the ADC
- ☐ ADC Assessment
 - ☐ Provide all required documentation for assessment eligibility
 - ☐ Take the written examination
 - ☐ Take the practical examination (once you have passed the written examination)
- ☐ Register with the Board

Required Documents: all documents must be translated to English. The ADC prefers applicants to provide translations completed by a translator accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI), under the designation of Certified Translator.

- ☐ Academic transcript
- ☐ Testamur/ degree certificate
- ☐ Internship certificate
- ☐ Passport and passport photo
- ☐ Name change certificate if applicable

Essential Information:

- ADC assessment fees: estimated between \$5450 and \$7600 depending on your dental profession.
- Board General registration fees (for general dentists): application = \$392, registration = \$818.
- Time estimates: between 1 year and 18 months depending on the scheduling and outcomes of examinations.

Links:

- The Dental Board of Australia: <https://www.dentalboard.gov.au/>
- "Overseas Practitioners", The Dental Board of Australia:
<https://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Overseas-Practitioner-Registration.aspx>

- The Australian Dental Council: <https://www.adc.org.au/>
- NAATI: <https://www.naati.com.au/>