Assessment of Overseas Dental Qualifications and Registration

Background

As part of a nationally consistent registration process through the Dental Board of Australia, there are three recognised pathways for general registration of overseas dental graduates which the South Australian Dental Service can utilise for employment opportunities. These are explained in more detail below.

1. **Dentists with eligible qualifications from UK, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and Canada**

2. **The Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme (PSDWS)**

3. **Dentists who are registered to practice in New Zealand under Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (TTMR)**

Registration with the UK General Dental Council (GDC) **does not** automatically entitle overseas trained dental practitioners to gain general registration with the Dental Board of Australia.

The following link provides information on registration with the Dental Board of Australia for overseas qualified dentists.


**Recognised pathways:**

1. **Overseas Qualifications Acceptable for General Registration**

   **Dentists with eligible qualifications from UK, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and Canada**

   The Dental Board of Australia has recognised as equivalent for General Registration under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (National Law) the following qualifications:

   - Bachelor degrees in dentistry granted by universities in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland (accredited by the General Dental Council)
   - Bachelor degrees in dentistry granted by the University of Otago in New Zealand (accredited by the Dental Council of New Zealand); and
   - Canadian graduates with degrees of Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) in general dentistry awarded after 31 March 2010 by universities in Canada (accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada).

   Dentists who hold a qualification as listed above are eligible to apply for General Registration. A dentist who applies under this pathway must also be able to demonstrate that they are eligible for registration as a dentist in the relevant overseas jurisdiction in which the qualification was obtained.
obtained, this will include (where relevant) the completion of an examination or any other pre-requisites required for registration in the relevant overseas jurisdiction.

As the acceptability of any dental qualification may change from time to time, you should seek up-to-date information from the Dental Board of Australia at http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/

2. The Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme (PSDWS)

Under the PSDWS graduates of listed undergraduate dental programs with an equivalent accreditation process to Australia in Canada, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and the United States are eligible to participate (see approved programs at the Australian Dental Councils website at www.adc.org.au).

These eligible participants are given Limited Registration to practice by the Dental Board and are granted an exemption from the ADC Preliminary Examination. Registrants in this category of registration must complete the ADC Final Examination within three years of first becoming registered by the Board.

3. Dentists who are registered to practice in New Zealand under Trans-Tasman mutual recognition

Dentists who are registered to practice in New Zealand are eligible to apply for General Registration under Trans-Tasman mutual recognition

Specialist Registration

Refer to the information on the Dental Board Australia website at this link


For information visit these relevant websites:

- Dental Board of Australia http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/
- Australian Dental Council (ADC) http://www.adc.org.au/