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### Key facts

This page tells you about the key facts for clinical attachments and dental observers.

Category: Clinical attachments and dental observers	
Eligibility requirements	<p>An applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have graduated from a medical or dental school and intend to do a clinical attachment or dental observer post in the UK</li> <li>• provide documentary evidence of the post which must be               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ unpaid, and</li> <li>○ only observation and not include treatment of patients</li> </ul> </li> <li>• not intend to take employment in the UK</li> <li>• not intend to produce goods or provide services within the UK, including the selling of goods or services direct to members of the public</li> <li>• not intend to do a course of study</li> <li>• maintain and accommodate themselves and any dependants adequately without using public funds</li> <li>• be able to meet the cost of their onward journey</li> <li>• if applying for an extension of leave in the UK they must have previously had leave in this category or leave:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ to take the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test</li> <li>○ as a postgraduate doctor, dentist or trainee general practitioner</li> <li>○ as a work permit holder for employment in the UK as a doctor or dentist and not have already spent or would spend as the result of a grant of leave more than six months in this capacity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Application forms	<p>Application made outside UK – VAF1C            Extension (within UK) – FLR(O)            Indefinite leave to remain – N/A</p>
Cost of application:	Fees for Home Office services (Links to staff intranet removed)
Entry clearance mandatory?	No
Is biometric information required for applications made in the UK?	Yes
Code of leave to remain granted	Code 3
Entry clearance endorsements	‘C: Visit – Clinical Attachment LTE 3 months. Code 3’, or ‘C: Visit – Dental Observation LTE 3 months. Code 3’
Conditions of leave to	No recourse to public funds. No employment or study

remain	allowed.
How long is leave to remain normally granted for?	Three months.  Applications can be made to extend by a further three months to a maximum six months.
Are dependants allowed?	No. Dependants must qualify under the visitor rules.
Work and study allowed?	No
Is switching into this category allowed?	An applicant can apply for an extension if they previously had leave: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to do a clinical attachment or dental observer post</li> <li>• to take the PLAB test</li> <li>• as a postgraduate doctor, dentist or trainee general practitioner</li> <li>• as a work permit holder employed as a doctor or dentist.</li> </ul>
Does this category lead to settlement (indefinite leave to remain)?	No
Is knowledge of language and life required?	Not applicable.
CID case type	CID case type Visitors (Business) - LTR
Immigration Rules paragraphs	Paragraphs 75G to 75M

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### Changes to this guidance

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### Entry or extension requirements

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employment, or

- be maintained and/or accommodated by relatives or friends who can prove they are able and intend to do so, and are legally present in the UK, or will be at the time of their visit
- be able to meet the cost of their onward journey
- if applying for an extension of leave in the UK, have previously had leave in this category or leave:
  - to take the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test
  - as a postgraduate doctor, dentist or trainee general practitioner
  - as a work permit holder for employment in the UK as a doctor or dentist.

**Extensions only**

The applicants must not be in breach of immigration laws, except for any periods of overstaying:

- for 28 days or less which will be disregarded, or
- any period, if the application was submitted before 9 July 2012.

For more information, see related link: [Applications from overstayers \(non family routes\)](#).

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### Switching

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### Granting or refusing

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### Grant or refuse entry clearance

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	of paragraph 76G or if paragraph 320 of the general grounds for refusal applies, you must refuse the application.	
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### Grant or refuse entry at UK port

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### Grant or refuse extension of stay in country

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