DENTAL NURSE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A Dental Nurse works closely with the dentist, providing assistance in the surgery. This includes preparation of the surgery, chair side assistance, sterilisation, care of instruments and preparation of fillings and other materials used in dentistry. The Nurse maintains sterile conditions in the surgery and ensures that health and safety policy is adhered to. They record dental information about each patient carry out stock control and may process x-rays. In general practice, Dental Nurses may also help out on reception and with general administration.

Dental Nurses are employed in general practices, the NHS, hospitals, community dental services, industry, universities and the Armed Forces.

INDUSTRY REQUIREMENTS

Since the 31 July 2006, Dental Nurses have been able to voluntarily join the General Dental Council (GDC) register. By July 2008, it will be mandatory for all practising Dental Nurses in the UK to be on the GDC register.

During the two year transitional period beginning on 31 July 2006 a Dental Nurse will be granted membership and registration when the candidate can prove they have four years' full-time experience in the last eight years.

After the two years transitional period a Dental Nuise will be required to hold a qualification that is approved by the GDC. See A 1 for a list of approved qualifications.

REGISTRATION WITH A PROFESSIONAL BODY

Registration with the GDC is compulsor for all Dental Nurses by 31 July 2008. After this date it will be illegal to work as, and use the title of, Dental Nurse without being registered with the GDC.

Additional, information on registration for EEA, and non-EEA, national can be found in Appear 2.

CASEWORKER TREATMENT

B&C

The post of Dental Nurse meets the skills criteria when it requires the Overseas National (OSN) to be registered with the GDC.

The applicant should hold a five digit registration number to verify their registration. Caseworkers should always check the GDC Register to confirm that a Dental Technician / Clinical Dental Technician is registered with the GDC.

http://www.gdc-uk.org/Search+our+registers

For applications approved before 31 July 2008 caseworkers should include paragraph P70H in approvals.

TWES

Training

This occupation is not suitable for TWES training.

Work Experience

The job meets the TWES criteria for work experience where the post is additional to the normal staffing requirements of the company and the work experience programme is of a standard at, or above, NVQ level 3. Workers should already have an academic/vocational qualification at least equivalent to NVQ Level 3 are employer should provide a work experience programme and a limitable for each stage of the programme and information on who will be supervising the worker.

SALARY DETAILS

The following salary information is taken from the NHS Agenda or Change.

Job	Band	Salary
Dental Nurse Entry Level	Band 3	£14,437 - £17,257
Dental Nurse	Band 4	£16,853 - £20,261
Dental Nurse Team Leader	Band 5	£19,683 - £25,424
Dental Nurse Specialist	Band 5	£19,683 - £25,424
Dental Nurse Team Manager	Band 6	£23,458 - £31,779
Dental Nurse Tutor	Bana 6	£23,458 - £31,779

Additional allowances may be paid regionally.

Salaries in the private sector are broadly comparable with those in the public sector.

ADVERTISING

Acceptable advertising includes job centres, the National press or relevant specialist trade publications.

British Dental Nurses Journal

British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN) Room 200 Hillhouse International Business Centre PO Box 4 Thornton-Cleveleys

FY5 4QD

Tel: 01253 338360

Email: admin@badn.org.uk
Website: www.badn.org.uk

Dental Practice

A.E Morgan Publications Ltd Stanley House 9 West Street Epsom Surrey KT18 7RL

Tel: 01372 741411 Fax: 01372 744493

Email: newing@aemorgan.co.uk
Website: www.dentalpracticeuk.net

The Probe

Nexus Media Ltd Nexus House Azalea Drive Swanley Kent BR8 8HU

Tel: 01322 660070 Fax: 01322 616305

Email: Stefan.appleby@nextsmediacouk

Website: www.the-probe.com

FURTHER INFORMATION

British Association of Dental Nurses (BADN)

Room 200

Hillhouse International Business Centre

PO Box 4

Thornton-Cleveleys

FY5 4QD◀

Tel: 01253 338360

Email: admin@badh.org.uk Website: www.badh.org.uk

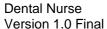
National Examining Board for Dental Nurses

110 London Street

Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 6 EU

Tel: 01253 778417 Fax: 01253 777268

Email: info@nebdn.org.uk





Website: www.nebdn.org.uk/node

General Dental Council (GDC)

37 Wimpole Street London

W1G 8DQ

Tel: 020 7887 3800 Fax: 020 7224 3294

Email: information@gdc-uk.org
Website: www.gdc-uk.org



ANNEX 1

To gain access onto the GDC register, a Dental Nurse will be required to achieve one of the following:

- The National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN) National Certificate examination, plus 24 months experience
- The NVQ Level 3 in Oral Healthcare: Dental Nursing
- A Certificate of Proficiency in Dental Nursing awarded by a recognised Dental Hospital
- The Certificate of Higher Education in Dental Nursing offered by the School
 of Professionals Complementary to Dentistry, at the University of
 Portsmouth

ANNEX 2

There are two types of registration with the GDC:

Full Registration – This allows the candidate to lawfully practice dentistry in the United Kingdom.

- Temporary Registration This allows the candidate to lawfully practice dentistry in the United Kingdom.
- Temporary Registration This allows the candidate to practice dentistry under supervision with specific restrictions, whereby registration is only valid for the dates stated and in the hospital(s) or institution(s) listed in their registration certificate.

British Nationals can qualify automatically for Full Registration, while, there are three different routes which an EEA (and Switzerland) or non-EEA can take in order to gain Full Registration

- Qualifying Applications
- Assessment Route
- Overseas Registration Examination (ORE)

Caseworkers should check that an OSN's degree is eligible for temporary registration, by clicking on the link below –

http://www.gdc-

k.org/Polestial+registrant/Temporary+registration/Recognised+Universities+-

