

INITIAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Bermuda Dental Board

This document outlines the criteria for registration as a dental practitioner with the Bermuda Dental Board.

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the requirements for registration with the Bermuda Dental Board as a dental practitioner. While this document provides an overview of the criteria for initial registration, each application will be independently assessed based on its own merits.

2. General Requirements

2.1. Application

All applicants must submit an electronic [Health Professional Initial Registration Application](#). All supplemental documentation should be uploaded and attached to the application, with the exception of the [Certificate of Professional Education Form \(COPE\)](#) and evidence of professional standing from all jurisdictions of licensure. Please review the [Dental Initial Registration Checklist](#) for a list of required documentation.

2.2. Fees

The fee for initial registration as a dental practitioner is \$542. Payment must be made via credit card after the submission of the electronic application.

Applicants applying for registration as a Government Dental Officer are not required to pay a registration fee.

2.3. Eligibility to Work

All applicants for initial registration must be eligible to work in Bermuda. Documentation showing eligibility to work must be attached to the application and can include:

- Bermuda or BOTC passport copy with stamp
- Letter of Employment/Job Offer Letter
- Spousal letter
- Valid Work Permit
- Permanent Residency Card

2.4. Proof of Identification

Proof of identification includes a **notarized** copy of a valid passport or birth certificate. If your name has changed and differs from the name on your supporting documentation,

notarized name change certification documentation must be provided (i.e. marriage certificate).

2.5. Proof of True Likeness

A digital head shot photo must be attached to your application. You can take the photo yourself if the image of likeness is clear.

2.6. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

A copy of the applicant's resume, or C.V. must be attached to the application and reflect the most up-to-date information.

2.7. References

Two letters of professional reference are required and must be attached to your application for registration. All references must be current (dated within the last 12 months) and on an official letterhead.

2.8. CPR/First Aid

Evidence of current CPR & First Aid certification must be uploaded to the application.

2.9. Indemnity Insurance

All applicants must provide evidence of indemnity insurance, such as a letter or certificate from the insurer with policy details included.

3. Education Requirements

The academic training requirement for registration under the [Dental Practitioners Act 1950](#) (the "Act") is satisfied if the applicant possesses a graduate degree in dentistry that at the time it was awarded meets the following criteria:

- I. The degree is a terminal degree in dentistry from the country of training (e.g. DDS or DMD in North America, BDS in the UK) in an institution of higher learning. The terminal degree and institution must be accredited or approved by a national organization of the country of training (e.g. Commission on Dental Accreditation in the US or Commissions on Dental Accreditation of Canada) or national body

governing the profession (e.g. General Dental Council in the UK), and as approved by the Board.

- II. If not accredited or approved by one of the above bodies (or by a similar national organization of the country of training or other national body governing the profession deemed by the Board to represent a comparable standard) or the standards are significantly different from the above, the Board will request that the applicant submit a UK ENIC Statement of Comparability and obtain a score of 7 or higher (enic.org.uk).
- III. If qualifications were obtained in a non-English speaking jurisdiction, all accompanying documentation must be submitted with an official translation into English.

All applicants must have the institution where their professional qualifications were obtained complete the [Certificate of Professional Education Form](#) and email it directly to professions@healthcouncil.bm.

A **notarized** copy of the applicant's professional degree must also be attached to the application.

4. Dental Specialties

In accordance with Section 12 of the [Dental Practitioners Act 1950](#), dental practitioners must apply to practice any of the following specialties: Dental Public Health; Endodontics; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology; Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; Orthodontics; Pedodontics; Periodontics; Prosthodontics; and such other specialties as may be prescribed.

Evidence pertaining to the completion of post-graduate specialist training must be included in the application (i.e. UK Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training or Board Certification in the US).

5. Examination Requirements

All applicants applying for registration as a dental practitioner must take a written and practical exam. Government Dental Officer applicants are exempt from examination. For

more information regarding the examination process, please refer to [Dental Practitioner Exam](#) guidance document.

6. Overseas Licensure

Evidence pertaining to your professional standing in any jurisdiction in which you are licensed or registered is required. A letter or form attesting to your professional standing must be submitted directly to professions@healthcouncil.bm by the relevant statutory authority.

7. Additional Registration Categories

7.1 Visiting Dental Practitioner

Applicants applying for authorization to practice dentistry in Bermuda as a visiting dental practitioner must complete the initial application process described above and pay a fee of \$75.

As per the [Dental Practitioners Act 1950](#) Section 19, visiting dental practitioners are considered exempt dental practitioners and are not subject to examination.

7.2 Locum Tenens

Applicants applying for authorization to practice dentistry in Bermuda as a locum tenens must complete the initial application process described above and pay a fee of \$75.

As per the [Dental Practitioners Act 1950](#) Section 21, locum tenens are considered exempt dental practitioners and are not subject to examination.