

LIST OF RECOGNISED SPECIALITIES, RELATED SPECIALIST TITLES AND DEFINITIONS

A person must not knowingly or recklessly take or use any of the specialist titles listed below unless the person is registered under the National Law in the recognised specialty.

Specialty	Specialist titles	Definition
1. Dento-maxillofacial radiology	Dento-maxillofacial radiologist Oral and maxillofacial radiologist Dental radiologist	The branch of dentistry that deals with diagnostic imaging procedures applicable to the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region, and to other structures that are relevant for the proper assessment of oral conditions.
2. Endodontics	Endodontist	The branch of dentistry concerned with the morphology and pathology of the pulpo-dentine complex and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompasses the basic clinical sciences including the biology of the normal pulp, and the aetiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries to the pulp and associated periradicular tissues.
3. Forensic odontology	Forensic odontologist Forensic dentist	The branch of dentistry that applies dental science to the law. It involves the recognition, examination, documentation, preservation, interpretation and analysis of dental and orofacial evidence; and presentation of opinion related to this evidence to the courts of law.
4. Oral and maxillofacial surgery	Oral and maxillofacial surgeon	The part of surgery that deals with the diagnosis and surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects of human jaws and associated structures.
5. Oral medicine	Specialist in oral medicine Oral medicine specialist	The branch of dentistry concerned with the diagnosis, prevention and predominantly non-surgical management of medically-related disorders and conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial region, in particular oral mucosal disease and orofacial pain as well as the oral health care of medically complex patients.
6. Oral and maxillofacial pathology	Oral and maxillofacial pathologist	The branch of pathology that deals with the nature of diseases affecting the oral, maxillofacial and adjacent regions.
7. Oral surgery	Oral surgeon	The branch of dentistry concerned with the diagnosis and surgical management of conditions affecting the oral and dento-alveolar tissues.
8. Orthodontics	Orthodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the supervision, guidance and correction of the growing and mature dentofacial structures. It includes the diagnosis, prevention, interception and treatment of all forms of malocclusion of the teeth and associated alterations in their surrounding structures.

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9. Paediatric dentistry	Specialist in paediatric dentistry Paediatric dentist Paedodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with preventive and therapeutic oral healthcare for children from birth through to adolescence and those with special needs. It includes management of orofacial problems related to medical, behavioural, physical or developmental disabilities.
10. Periodontics	Periodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases or abnormalities of the supporting tissues of the teeth and their substitutes.
11. Prosthodontics	Prosthodontist	The branch of dentistry that deals with the restoration and maintenance of oral health, function and appearance by coronal alteration or reconstruction of the natural teeth, or the replacement of missing teeth and contiguous oral and maxillofacial tissues with substitutes.
12. Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)	Specialist in public health dentistry	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with oral health education of the public, applied dental research and administration of dental care programs including prevention and control of oral diseases on a community basis.
13. Special needs dentistry	Specialist in special needs dentistry	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the oral health care of people with an intellectual disability, medical, physical or psychiatric conditions that require special methods or techniques to prevent or treat oral health problems or where such conditions necessitate special dental treatment plans.

Authority

This list of specialities has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 11 July 2017 under the National Law with approval taking effect from 1 October 2017.

Definitions

National Law means the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory.

Review

This list will be reviewed from time to time as required. This will generally be at least every five years.

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