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What is it?

Dentists study and treat diseases, injuries and problems of the mouth, teeth, gum and jaw. They also educate patients on how to avoid oral health problems.

Personal Requirements?

- Able to relate to a wide range of people
- Accurate, with an eye for detail
- Able to work well under pressure
- Good at problem-solving and decision making.



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**IMPORTANT POINTS:** 

- The University of Otago is the only University in New Zealand to offer a Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Useful school subjects include: Maths with Calculus, Maths with Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and English
- A dentist is sometimes called a periodontist, orthodontist, or an oral medicine specialist.





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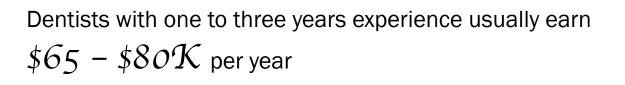
#### Job opportunities

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Newly-qualified dentists may

work, but there is strong demand for experienced

find it takes time to get full-time



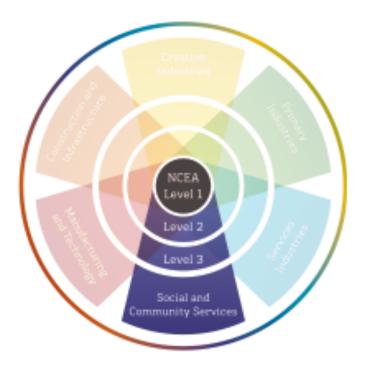
This is approximately \$991 - \$1183 per week

Experienced Dentists usually earn \$80 - 150% per year

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Sources: <u>www.kiwcareers.govt.nz</u>; <u>www.salaries.co.nz</u>