

A CAREER CHOICE

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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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Pay:

Dentists with one to three years experience usually earn
\$65 – \$80K per year

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

Experienced Dentists usually earn
\$80 – 150K per year

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\$1183 - \$2074 per week

Job opportunities



Newly-qualified dentists may find it takes time to get full-time work, but there is strong demand for experienced dentists.



