



## Information sheet for an application for registering a Dental Specialty

### Important information

This application is to be used by a dentist to register as a dental specialist.

You must have a Medicare Australia provider/registration number before completing this form.

You must have a current registration in the specialty with an Australian State or Territory Dental Board.

You should not commence billing until Medicare Australia has advised that your specialty has been registered.

If you fax your application, you must retain your original documents for auditing purposes.

**Note:** this application will be returned if all relevant documentation/information is not supplied. Please print clearly and complete all sections.

### Assistance

If you need assistance in completing this form call Medicare Australia on **132 150\*** (8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday) or visit **[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)**

### Lodgement

Send the completed and signed form, with supporting documentation, to:

**Medicare Australia  
Provider Eligibility Section  
GPO Box 9822**

in your capital city

or fax to:

NSW	<b>(02) 9895 3439</b>	NT	<b>(08) 8922 6322</b>
ACT	<b>(02) 9895 3439</b>	SA	<b>(08) 8274 9307</b>
VIC	<b>(03) 9605 7984</b>	WA	<b>(08) 9214 8201</b>
QLD	<b>(07) 3004 5634</b>	TAS	<b>(03) 6215 5700</b>

\* Call charges apply

\*\* Call charges apply from mobile and pay phones only

### Access to Medicare benefits

Registering as a dental specialist will allow access to the dental specialist items in the Medicare Benefits Schedule Dental Services book.

If you do not have a provider/registration number you should complete an application for an initial Medicare provider/registration number for a Dentist, Dental Specialist or Dental Prosthetist form available at **[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)**

### Diagnostic Imaging Services

Some dental specialists can request certain diagnostic imaging services as set out in the Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations and the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). It is important to note that the following dental specialists are not eligible to request diagnostic imaging services:

- dento-maxillofacial radiology
- oral surgery
- special needs dentistry, and
- oral and maxillofacial surgery (dental qualification only where specialty is registered on or after 1 November 2007).

### Eligibility

To register as a dental specialist you must satisfy the eligibility criteria and hold specialist registration in the specialty with an Australian State or Territory Dental Board.

Dental specialists claiming Medicare benefits must be in private practice, and services claimed must be performed while working in a private capacity.

### Orthodontist—Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Scheme

If you are an **orthodontist** intending to treat prescribed dental patients registered under the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Scheme, you also need to complete an application for recognition as an accredited orthodontist form available at **[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)**

### Dental prescriber number

A registered dental specialist who intends to prescribe medication must complete an application for approval to prescribe medications under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) form available at **[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)**

### Personal contact details

If you tick the general correspondence box in question 6, your postal or email address will be recorded and may be used for mailing purposes.

Please keep your details up to date to ensure important Medicare Australia information reaches you.

You can update your contact details on Medicare Australia's Provider Directory System using your health professional smart card or eCertificate issued by Medicare Australia.

