Bachelor of Oral Health
Admissions Guide 2018
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2018 Faculty of Dentistry guide to the Bachelor of Oral Health.

Applying for the Bachelor of Oral Health is an exciting time but much preparation is required and the aim of this Guide is to answer the most common questions about the admissions criteria and application process.

It will help you determine whether you have met the criteria to submit an application for admission to the BOH. It also provides a step-by-step guide to completing your application.

Thank you for considering the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Sydney and best wishes for your application.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Faculty of Dentistry regularly reviews the admission criteria and application processes for their courses. They reserve the right to change these criteria and processes without notice. Statements in this Guide provide general advice about the currently applicable criteria and processes, and may not be correct for future application periods. Applicants are advised to consult the faculties’ websites for the most recent information:

# OVERVIEW

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements to be eligible for admission:

| 1. Satisfactory performance in the Mini Multiple Interview. (MMI) | - Applicants are invited to attend a series of mini interviews on main campus between the 5th and 7th December 2017.  
   - International applicants who will be applying from overseas will be invited to take part in the MMI’s via Skype on the 27th September 2017.  
   - Applicants will be required to book these interviews via the Dentistry website [http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php](http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php) and a non-refundable fee of $100 will be required at the time of booking. |
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| 2. ATAR Score Or ATAR Equivalent Score: | - Domestic applicants must have a minimum ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) score of 83 and above to be considered.  
  or  
  - Record of previous tertiary study, which would include a completed diploma or advanced diploma accredited under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)  
  or  
  - Results from enrolment in a bachelor’s degree or higher level course at a university in Australia (or New Zealand). Applicants need to have enrolled for at least the minimum period of one full-time year (or part-time equivalent) – the equivalent of 48 credit points at the University of Sydney.  
  or  
  - International applicants must have an ATAR equivalent of 80 and above. The Admissions Office will convert school certificate scores or assess any tertiary study qualifications at the time of application. |
HOW DO YOU APPLY?

**Domestic Applicants must refer to the below:**
http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/entry-requirements/

**International Applicants must refer to the below:**

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How can I apply?

- **I am a Domestic Applicant**
  - I am a school leaver?
    - APPLY Through UAC (University Admissions Centre) and register on the Dentistry website for the MMI's.
  - I have a completed AQF Diploma or other tertiary qualification
    - Apply through UAC and register for the MMI's on the Dentistry website. Also refer to:
      - Future Students website/Tertiary Education
  - I am over 21 and would like to apply.
    - Apply through the Mature Age Entry Scheme and UAC. Register for the MMI's on the dentistry website. Refer to Future Students website/Mature Age Entry Scheme

- **I am an International Applicant.**
  - Apply directly through the University Admissions centre or contact an Agent.
Are you a Domestic or International Applicant?

- Are you an Australian Citizen?
  - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
  - No: Are you an Australian Permanent Resident?
    - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
    - No: Are you a New Zealand Citizen?
      - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
      - No: You are an International Applicant*

- Are you an Australian Permanent Resident?
  - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
  - No: Are you an Australian Citizen and also a citizen or permanent resident of other country/countries?
    - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
    - No: Are you an Australian Permanent Resident and also a citizen or permanent resident of other country/countries?
      - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
      - No: Are you a New Zealand citizen and also a citizen or permanent resident of other country/countries?
        - Yes: You are a Domestic Applicant
        - No: You are an International Applicant*
Domestic Applicants:

School Leavers:

As a Year 12 applicant, your application is normally ranked on the basis of your overall result (ATAR or equivalent). The University selects applicants by moving down the ranking list for each course and making offers until no more places are available. This process establishes the cut-offs for our courses.

So, essentially, the cut-off for each course is the minimum ATAR you need to get in.

The cut-offs advertised by the University usually refer to the overall result you need to get an offer in UAC’s Main Round, which is when the majority of offers are made. The cut-offs for the later offer rounds are usually different to those from the Main Round.

It is not possible to predict course cut-offs before offers are made, because they are largely determined by the number and quality of applicants, which varies every year. However, in most cases the cut-off for a particular course will be similar to what it was the year before.

The cut-off for a course does not indicate how difficult it will be. Some courses with medium level cut-offs can be very challenging, and those courses may also have special options for students who are academically talented.

There is no age limit for Year 12 qualifications, so even if you completed your high school qualification many years ago, you can still use it to apply for entry.

If you have done other study since completing high school, the results from that study may also be taken into account. Students who have more than one Year 12 qualification are generally considered on the basis of their overall result in the most recently completed qualification.

Interstate Year 12 qualifications:

If you are an interstate student, you can still apply to the University of Sydney as long as you are eligible to be awarded the standard senior secondary qualification offered in your state as well as an overall result which is equivalent to an ATAR.

You will have the same chance of being selected as a student from NSW with an equivalent overall result. The University does not prioritise NSW students ahead of interstate students when offering places in its undergraduate courses.

As an interstate applicant, you are also eligible to apply for consideration under the University’s special entry schemes.

For more information on ATAR’s and Year 12 Qualifications, please visit our website on:

http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/entry-requirements/year-12-qualifications.shtml

Domestic applicants will also need to complete the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview.) Students will be ranked based on their Interview score and their ATAR score.
Tertiary Qualifications:

The University will consider results of certain types of tertiary study when considering applicants for admission into undergraduate courses through UAC. This may include study in degree courses, an associate diploma, diploma or advanced diploma level courses offered by other Australian course providers.

There is no limit to how old a tertiary qualification can be for it to be acceptable. Results in tertiary study will be considered only if the enrolment meets certain conditions regarding level of award, duration and where the course was taught.

Enrolment at university

Your results from tertiary study will be considered only if you have been enrolled for at least one full-time year or an equivalent period part time. These studies normally need to be part of a recognised award course of at least associate diploma level or higher for your results to be considered. Please note that certain courses may have more stringent requirements.

In general, if your results are from your enrolment in a bachelor's degree or higher level course at a university in Australia (or New Zealand), they can still be considered. You need to have enrolled for at least the minimum period of one full-time year (or part-time equivalent) – the equivalent of 48 credit points at the University of Sydney.

Results from graduate certificates (whether complete or incomplete) and incomplete postgraduate research degrees will not be considered.

Study at TAFE and private providers

If you have completed a diploma or an advanced diploma at TAFE or a private provider from 1996 onwards you may be able to use your results to apply for many courses at the University of Sydney. For this to be possible the diploma must have been accredited under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) at the time you were enrolled, and in most cases it must be in a relevant subject area to the course you are applying (see table below). If you are under 21, you will also need to have an ATAR before your diploma will be considered.

The AQF is a national standard for accrediting post-secondary and tertiary qualifications offered in Australia. If you are uncertain whether your course had AQF accreditation when you were enrolled, you should be able to obtain this information from that institution. An AQF accreditation symbol may also appear on your transcript of results or award certificate. For further information, please visit the AQF website.

If you have completed the HSC at TAFE, this is considered to be a secondary qualification.

For more information on Tertiary Study Qualifications, please visit the website:


E12 applicants will also need to complete the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview.) Students will be ranked based on their Interview score and their ATAR score.
International Applicants:

To apply for an undergraduate course at the University of Sydney, you need to meet certain requirements – these are known as the minimum eligibility criteria. The following pages describe the requirements in detail, but basically you need to:

- have an acceptable senior secondary qualification from your high school (or completed at least one full-time year in a bachelor degree or equivalent qualification at a recognised tertiary institution)
- have achieved certain grades in your senior secondary studies or accepted tertiary studies
- meet the English language requirements
- meet any special entry requirements such as health or security checks or submission of a portfolio – check the details for your specific degree using Find a course
- Have the Assumed Knowledge for your course. While there are no prerequisites for our courses, we do expect you to know or have studied subjects relevant to your course before you begin your course.

If you don’t have an acceptable senior secondary or tertiary qualification, there are some other options. You could enroll in the University of Sydney Foundation Program, and complete a course, equivalent to a final-year secondary qualification in Australia. Likewise, if you don’t meet the English language requirements, you could enroll in an English preparation course at the University’s Centre for English Teaching.

International applicants will also need to complete the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) via Skype. Students will be ranked based on their Interview score and their ATAR score.

Please visit the Future student website for more information on studying at Sydney:

http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/international/undergraduate/entry-requirements/

Special Entry Schemes:

We encourage you to consider all the options for entry to the University of Sydney, because getting the ’right’ ATAR is not the only way you can get a place to study here. Through Access Sydney we offer a number of alternative entry pathways for year 12 and non-year 12 students. You may be eligible to apply for more than one scheme.

Mature-Age Entry Scheme

The Mature Age Entry Scheme is an avenue for entry into the University of Sydney for people of at least 21 years of age who would not normally qualify for admission.

You are eligible to apply for the Mature-Age Entry Scheme if you fit all of the following criteria:

- you are 21 years of age or older on 1 March of the year you intend to commence tertiary study;
you do not have the required ATAR (or equivalent result in another secondary qualification) for admission to any course;
- you do not have a record of tertiary study; and
- You have completed an approved preparation course. These usually run for one year, starting at the beginning of the first semester or TAFE academic year, but in some cases they can be completed in six months.

You are NOT eligible for the Mature-Age Entry Scheme if you fit any of the below criteria:

- you achieved an ATAR score of 70.00 or greater in the NSW HSC examinations or equivalent;
- you completed a TAFE (or accredited private college) diploma or advanced diploma; or
- You have a university record of one or more full-time years (or equivalent).

All applicants will also need to complete the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview.) Students will be ranked based on their Interview score and their ATAR score.

Early Offer Year 12 Scheme (E12 Scheme)

Year 12 students can secure a place on their preferred course even before the ATAR’s have been released. Students are required to attend the MMI’s (multiple mini interviews) held at the Faculty of Dentistry. A conditional offer will be sent to the successful students on the basis that they meet the ATAR requirements: **E12 ATAR (or equivalent IB score): 78.**

To be eligible to apply:

- you need to be currently undertaking the Higher School Certificate (HSC) or International Baccalaureate (IB) at a New South Wales high school, and
- be studying the required HSC or IB subjects for the E12 course you want to enter, and
- Have the support of your school principal.

In addition, you need to be either:

- Studying at a high school that has been identified by the government as ‘low socioeconomic’. You can [download the E12 Identified Schools List 2015](#) (PDF 136KB) and/or
- Experiencing financial hardship at the time you apply for E12. If so, you will also need to complete a [UAC Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application](#) demonstrating your financial hardship, see page 15 of the EAS booklet. Please note that you will not be disadvantaged in your E12 application if you submit your EAS application after the E12 application closing date of 12 September.
- To find out more about the UAC Educational Access Scheme, download the [2014 booklet](#) or visit the [UAC Educational Access Scheme (EAS)](#) website.
Please note:

- E12 is for domestic NSW undergraduate student’s only, International students or interstate students are not eligible to apply.
- E12 cannot be combined with any other University of Sydney special entry scheme.

Please refer to the E12 website for all information on this scheme and other Special Entry Schemes:


E12 applicants will also need to complete the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview.) Students will be ranked based on their Interview score and their ATAR score.

**Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI):**

**Domestic Applicants:**

All Applicants are required to register for the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) by midnight on the 10th November 2017. Students will be required to register on line via the Dentistry [website](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/study-areas/index.shtml) and will be requested to choose an available interview time between the 5th-7th December 2017. Please note that once the interview has been booked and confirmed, it cannot be changed or cancelled for any reasons. A non-refundable fee of $100 will be required at the time of booking.

The MMI is a series of short interviews of approximately 5 minutes each where applicants move between six interview stations and are required to discuss scenarios or issues with one or more interviewers. The whole interview process takes approximately 45 minutes but students are asked to register 45 minutes in advance for briefing.

Applicants will receive a confirmation of invitation by email upon registering for the MMI and are required to confirm their attendance by email.

**Note:** Student invitations will be sent by email to the email address they provided when registering for the MMI. Please ensure you provide your own email address and check all mail boxes including the junk mail box regularly for any correspondence from the University.

**International Applicants:**

All International Applicants are required to register for the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) by midnight on the 6th September 2017. Students will be required to register on line via the Dentistry [website](http://sydney.edu.au/future-students-domestic/undergraduate/e12/study-areas/index.shtml) and will be requested to choose an available interview time on the 27th September 2017. Please note that once the interview has been booked and confirmed, it cannot be changed or cancelled for any reasons. A non-refundable fee of $100 (AUS) will be required at the time of booking.

The MMI is a series of short interviews of approximately 5 minutes each where applicants will be interviewed by 6 different interviewers for 5 minutes per interview and are required to
discuss scenarios or issues based on life experience. The whole interview process takes approximately 45 minutes.

Applicants will receive a confirmation of invitation by email upon registering for the MMI and are required to confirm their attendance by email.

Note: Student invitations will be sent by email to the email address they provided when registering for the MMI. Please ensure you provide your own email address and check all mail boxes including the junk mail box regularly for any correspondence from the University.

Timeline

Please refer to the timeline on our website for regular updates:

Timeline for entry to Bachelor of Oral Health 2018

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| Sep 2017 | 2nd September: E12 Applications Close.
5th September: International Applications close at midnight.
6th September: International MMI registration closes at midnight.
26th September: E12 MMI’s. (Westmead Centre for Oral Health)
27th September (Dates to be confirmed): International Skype MMI Interviews. |
| Oct 2017 | TBC Oct: E12 Conditional offers made
TBC OCT: International offers made.
16th Oct: HSC written exams commence. |
| Nov 2017 | 10th Nov: Registration for the MMI’s close at midnight. Students must ensure that they have submitted their application for BOH via UAC or Admissions centre. If student has not applied, the interview will be cancelled at the cost of the student.
17th Nov: UAC and direct applications close for BOH. |
Offers and Enrolments:

There are only approximately 40 places each year on the Bachelor of Oral Health Program. The admission process is very competitive and we aim to produce the best Oral Health Practitioners. Successful candidates will receive their offers from UAC on the 21st December 2017 and students are encouraged to either accept or decline their place as soon as possible. Due to the intensity of this course, we commence classes around the 2nd week in February and enrolments are earlier than most other undergraduate courses. Please keep up to date with the timeline on our website: http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php

You will be invited to enroll for your course on-line and will be notified of your orientation closer to the time.

Please remember: Do not plan any holidays during this time in early February as all students are required to attend classes from the 12th Feb and must meet our strict attendance requirements to progress in this course.

Common wealth supported places, HECS – HELP and Fees:

Domestic:

All domestic students (Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of Australia) are Commonwealth-supported students. This means the federal government pays a large portion of your fees and you pay the remainder, called a ‘student contribution’. To be eligible for a Commonwealth-supported place, you need to:

- be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand or
- hold an Australian permanent resident visa or
- Hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa.

For detailed information and eligibility criteria for Commonwealth supported places, please visit the Study Assist website.

Your student contribution is calculated twice a year, at the beginning of each semester. The
fees and the amount you contribute will depend on the subjects you choose, as course costs vary.

The remainder of your fees is called a student contribution.

Most Commonwealth supported students are eligible for HECS-HELP assistance. This means you can defer all or part of your student contribution by obtaining a HECS-HELP loan.

*From 1 January 2017, changes to Australian Government legislation came into effect, removing the 10% HECS-HELP discount on any upfront payments made to the University and the 5% bonus for voluntary payments of a HELP debt to the Australian Taxation Office.*

**International:**

International Students are asked to visit the website for information on the different types of Fees:

http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/international/undergraduate/costs/fees.shtml

**Scholarships:**

There are a number of scholarships available to future and current students at the University of Sydney. Scholarships are generally open for application from February and are offered in March. Scholarships can be awarded on a merit basis, a needs basis, or offered as financial assistance.

Some scholarships are awarded by the University, and others are offered by the faculty.

The University offers scholarships to future and current students from specific backgrounds, geographical areas, or courses. Find out more about University Scholarships.

Refer to the Dentistry website for information on the Faculty scholarships:


**Ancillary Costs:**

Students are required to purchase their own equipment for the Bachelor of Oral Health. These costs are additional to your School Fees and do not fall under any Fee – Help Loans.

This equipment should be purchased immediately after commencing this course and will be purchased through the Faculty.

*Please refer to the Cost List below for 2017. These approximate costs are indicative and may be subject to change in 2018.*
## 2017 Student Costs for the Bachelor of Oral Health Course

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<td>Year 1</td>
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<td>$300</td>
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## Contacts

**FUTURE STUDENT CONTACT CENTRE:**

**Domestic and International Enquiries**

**T** 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864) (in Australia) or +61 2 8627 1444 (outside Australia) and **select option 1**

(9:00am - 5:00pm (EST), Monday - Friday).

**E** sydney.edu.au/ask

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