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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2017 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 how to apply.

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 the application process.

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

You must fulfill three main requirements to be eligible for admission:

| 1. Competitive ATAR Score or ATAR Equivalent Score: | - Applicants must have a competitive Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) score.  

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). 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.  

- For International Applicants – The Admissions Office will convert their School certificate score or assess their tertiary study qualifications. |
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| 2. Satisfactory performance in the PQA. (Personal Qualities Assessment) | - Applicants must attend the PQA test held on the University of Sydney main campus on **November 8th 2016**. If students are successful in the PQA they will be invited for interview (MMI) on the **5th or 6th December 2016**.  

- International applicants must also complete the PQA in order to apply for this course. Currently, International applicants can sit the PQA on Sydney main campus or possibly through a local agent (details to be confirmed on website). We endeavor to facilitate all International applicants as best we can but this may not always be possible and travel may be required for the PQA. |
| 3. Satisfactory performance in the MMI. (Mini multiple Interview) | - Once students are successful in the PQA, they will be invited to attend a series of mini interviews on main campus on the **5th or 6th December 2016**.  

- International applicants who have been successful in the PQA will be interviewed on-line via Skype if they are unable to attend the MMI's on Sydney main campus. |
HOW DO YOU APPLY?

How can I apply?

I am a Domestic Applicant

I am an International Applicant.

Apply directly through the University or contact an Agent.

I am a school leaver with a competitive ATAR

I have a completed AQF Diploma or other tertiary qualification

I am over 21 and would like to apply.

Apply Through UAC (University Admissions Centre)

Apply through UAC and refer to:
Future Students website/Tertiary Education

Apply through the Mature Age Entry Scheme and UAC.
Refer to Future Students website/Mature Age Entry Scheme

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

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

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

Timeline for entry to Bachelor of Oral Health 2017

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<td>Direct Applications open via Future Student for mature students or other special pathways: <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/courses/programs/bachelor-of-oral-health/bachelor-of-oral-health">http://sydney.edu.au/courses/programs/bachelor-of-oral-health/bachelor-of-oral-health</a></td>
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<td>14th Aug: PQA (Personal Qualities Assessment) applicant registration opens at 9am. Domestic Applicants must provide a UAC number or an SID number at the time of application.</td>
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<td>28th Oct: PQA registrations close at 5pm. (Sydney Time)</td>
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<td>Feb 2016</td>
<td>Early Feb: on line enrolment for new and continuing students. 13th Feb: Bachelor of Oral Health Classes to commence.</td>
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Domestic or International applicant?

Are you an International or Domestic Applicant?

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

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).

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 must attend a PQA (Personal Qualities Assessment) and then an Interview. 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:

http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/domestic/undergraduate/e12/study-areas/index.shtml

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 Personal Qualities assessment and Interviews to be considered for the program.
Please visit the Future student website for more information on studying at Sydney:

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

**Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA):**

Applicants will be required to undertake a personal qualities assessment (PQA) which is designed to test mental agility, cognition, personality and moral orientation and decision making, qualities deemed essential for candidates of the program.

The PQA will be held at the University of Sydney Campus, Camperdown on the 8\(^{th}\) November and applicants are required to register on-line for this test before the 28\(^{th}\) October 2016. A fee of $90 is required at the time of booking.

Students are responsible for their own registration and must ensure that they follow the code of conduct for this assessment: http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/code-of-conduct.php

Students will book the assessment through the Dentistry website and must provide their UAC reference number or an SID number when registering for the PQA. You can apply via the link: http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php which will become active on the 14\(^{th}\) August 2016.

**Note:** Students are advised to provide the correct email address when registering for the PQA. The Faculty of Dentistry will send all correspondence through this email and students are advised to check this at all times. Students are advised to check their junk mail regularly in case any correspondence has been directed to their junk mail.

**Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI):**

Applicants whom were successful in the PQA stage will be invited to attend a series of short interviews on the 5\(^{th}\) or 6\(^{th}\) of December 2016.

The MMI is a series of short interviews of approximately 10 minutes each where applicants move between seven interview stations where they are required to discuss scenarios or issues with one or more interviewers.

Applicants will receive an invitation by **email** if they were successful for the interview stage.

**Note:** Student invitations will be sent by email to the address they provided when registering for the PQA. 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.
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 in January 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 in early February and enrolments are earlier than most other under-graduate courses. Please keep up to date with the timeline on our website: [http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php](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 13th Feb and must meet our strict attendance requirements to progress in this course.

HECS 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](http://sydney.edu.au/dentistry/study/oral-health-therapy/apply.php) 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.

**HECS-HELP**

Most Commonwealth-supported students are eligible for HECS-HELP assistance, the federal government's Higher Education Loan Program. If you hold a permanent resident visa (other than a permanent humanitarian visa) or you are a New Zealand citizen (and not also an Australian citizen), then you will still be a Commonwealth-supported student but won't be eligible for HECS-HELP and will need to pay your full semester student contribution upfront without a discount.

If you are an Australian citizen or hold a permanent humanitarian visa, you are eligible for HECS-HELP. This means you can choose to either pay your student contribution upfront with a 10 percent discount (‘HECS-HELP discount’), or defer all or part of your contribution
through the Australian Taxation Office (‘HECS-HELP loan’).

If you take out a HECS-HELP loan, the loan amount will be reported to the Australian Tax Office and you repay the money you owe through the tax system once you start to work and your income reaches a certain threshold ($51,309 per annum in 2013-14).

You can find more information on Commonwealth-supported places and HECS-HELP on the Study Assist website.

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.
# 2017 Student Costs for the Bachelor of Oral Health Course

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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

**W** sydney.edu.au/future-students

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