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Specialty	Specialist titles	Definition
1. Dento-maxillofacial radiology	Dento-maxillofacial radiologist Oral and maxillofacial radiologist Dental radiologist	The branch of dentistry that deals with diagnostic imaging procedures applicable to the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region, and to other structures that are relevant for the proper assessment of oral conditions.
2. Endodontics	Endodontist	The branch of dentistry concerned with the morphology and pathology of the pulpo-dentine complex and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompasses the basic clinical sciences including the biology of the normal pulp, and the aetiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries to the pulp and associated periradicular tissues.
3. Oral and maxillofacial surgery	Oral and maxillofacial surgeon	The part of surgery that deals with the diagnosis and surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects of human jaws and associated structures.
4. Oral medicine	Specialist in oral medicine Oral medicine specialist	The branch of dentistry concerned with the oral health care of patients with chronic and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region and with their diagnosis and nonsurgical management.
5. Oral pathology	Oral pathologist	The branch of pathology that deals with the nature of diseases affecting the oral, maxillofacial and adjacent regions.
6. Oral surgery	Oral surgeon	The branch of dentistry concerned with the diagnosis and surgical management of conditions affecting the oral and dento-alveolar tissues.
7. Orthodontics	Orthodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the supervision, guidance and correction of the growing and mature dentofacial structures; it includes the diagnosis, prevention, interception and treatment of all forms of malocclusion of the teeth and associated alterations in their surrounding structures.
8. Paediatric dentistry	Specialist in paediatric dentistry Paediatric dentist Paedodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with preventive and therapeutic oral health care for children from birth through to adolescence and those with special needs. It includes management of orofacial problems related to medical, behavioural, physical or developmental disabilities.
9. Periodontics	Periodontist	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases or abnormalities of the supporting tissues of the teeth and their substitutes.
10. Prosthodontics	Prosthodontist	The branch of dentistry that deals with the restoration and maintenance of oral health, function and appearance by coronal alteration or reconstruction of the natural teeth, or the replacement of missing teeth and contiguous oral and maxillofacial tissues with substitutes.
11. Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)	Specialist in public health dentistry	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with oral health education of the public, applied dental research and administration of dental care programs including prevention and control of oral diseases on a community basis.

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12. Special needs dentistry	Specialist in special needs dentistry	The branch of dentistry that is concerned with the oral health care of people with an intellectual disability, medical, physical or psychiatric conditions that require special methods or techniques to prevent or treat oral health problems or where such conditions necessitate special dental treatment plans.
13. Forensic odontology	Forensic odontologist Forensic dentist	<p>The branch of dentistry that is involved with the examination and evaluation of dental evidence, which may then be presented in the interests of justice.</p> <p>Forensic odontologists are involved in :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• identification of unknown human remains</li><li>• identification of unknown deceased individuals following mass disasters</li><li>• examination and assessment of bite mark injuries</li><li>• examination and assessment of facial injuries following assault or trauma</li><li>• age assessment of both living and deceased persons</li><li>• examination and assessment of child abuse injuries</li><li>• civil cases involving malpractice and fraud allegations.</li></ul>

## Authority

This list of specialities has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 31 March 2010 pursuant to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009) (the National Law) with approval taking effect from 1 July 2010.