

# NEBDN Post-Registration Qualification Application Process



**Applicant Information 2022**

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 General Dental Council Scope of Practice  
<https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/scope-of-practice/scope-of-practice.pdf>

 Maxcourse Yorkshire & the Humber  
<https://www.maxcourse.co.uk/YHPD/guestCreateUser.asp>

 National Examining Board for Dental Nurses [NEBDN]  
<https://www.nebdn.org/qualifications/>

### 1. Welcome

Many thanks for expressing an interest in developing your career by undertaking a post-registration qualification. We are delighted you have taken the time to contact us and hope you find the following information in this document useful.

### 2. Introduction

The National Examining Board for Dental Nurses was founded in 1943 and is the awarding organisation and leading provider of dental nursing qualifications in the UK. The purpose of these qualifications is to develop dental nurses, allowing individuals to demonstrate knowledge, skills and professionalism.

The NEBDN aims to provide you with:

- A standardised and quality assured learning experience with an accredited course provider
- An independent and objective assessment of knowledge
- An online portfolio of evidence and practical experience in the form of a detailed Record of Competence
- The opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification in the complex and evolving field of dentistry

The role of course providers is to provide the theoretical knowledge required to undertake a final examination and to support students achieve their goals.

Health Education England working across Yorkshire and the Humber are delighted to work with local stakeholders to commission high quality education through accredited centres of excellence. Each provider must evidence their systems for planning, delivering and quality assuring programmes and meet requirements for diversity and inclusivity, effective delivery of curriculum knowledge and practical skills whilst meeting GDC statutory regulation requirements.

### 3. Post-Registration Entry Requirements

The NEBDN currently have a suite of 7 post-registration qualifications available for dental nurses to progress their careers.

Entry requirements for all these courses are:

- Registrant with the General Dental Council (GDC) or the Irish Dental Council (IDC)
- Enrolled with a NEBDN accredited course provider
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English to communicate with patients, their relatives, the dental team, and other healthcare professionals in the UK [*GDC Standards for the Dental Team, 2.1.2*]
- Be able to meet the work-based clinical requirements in the Record of Competence [RoC]

All post-registration qualifications [apart from Fluoride Varnish Application] have an end of course examination which is taken online and which contains a combination of Multi-choice Questions

[MCQs] and Extended Matching Questions [EMQs]. These are typically held twice a year in March and September.

Each qualification takes between 6 months and a year to complete and is dependent on specific clinical case availability and evidencing. A Record of Competence [RoC] is achieved through an online platform called Pebble Pad. You will need the support of your employer or another dental care professional who is appropriately trained in your specific Post-Registration qualification to be able to complete this effectively. Completing the RoC is the first step to qualification.

### 4. Essential

As a GDC registrant you **must** have indemnity in place to protect both yourself and your patients. You **must** inform your indemnity provider that you are undertaking additional and specific tasks so they can provide cover.

The GDC recognises the following types of indemnity:

- Dental defence organisation membership - your own, or indemnity provided through your employer's membership
- Professional indemnity insurance held by you or your employer
- Indemnity provided by NHS bodies

### 5. Post-Registration Qualifications

The following post-registration qualifications are available:

Dental Implant Nursing  
Dental Radiography  
Dental Sedation Nursing  
Oral Health Education  
Orthodontic Dental Nursing  
Special Care Dental Nursing  
Fluoride Varnish Application



HEE Yorkshire and Humber are delighted to be able to commission the following qualifications [*you must confirm you have read, understand, and commit to the qualification requirements before you apply for a course*]. **You cannot enrol on more than one course at a time.**

#### Orthodontic Dental Nursing

Please view the requirements of the course and refer to the syllabus at the bottom of the page when viewing the link:

<https://www.nebdn.org/qualifications/post-registration-qualifications/orthodontic-dental-nursing/>

#### Dental Radiography

Please view the requirements of the course and refer to the syllabus at the bottom of the page when viewing the link:

<https://www.nebdn.org/qualifications/post-registration-qualifications/dental-radiography/>

### Dental Sedation

Please view the requirements of the course and refer to the syllabus at the bottom of the page when viewing the link:

<https://www.nebdn.org/qualifications/post-registration-qualifications/dental-sedation-nursing/>

### Oral Health Educator

Please view the requirements of the course and refer to the syllabus at the bottom of the page when viewing the link:

<https://www.nebdn.org/qualifications/post-registration-qualifications/oral-health-education/>

## 6. Frequently Asked Questions

### *When will courses offering these qualifications be available?*

All courses offering these qualifications will be advertised on the online booking system through HEE Yorks and Humber. Planners are available every 12 months, running April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The start date of a qualification will be wholly dependent on the final exam date.

### *How do I book on a course?*

You will need to create a free profile on Maxcourse to be notified about courses and be able to book and pay for places.

### *I've noticed some of these qualifications have 'administrator booking only', why?*

We need to ensure all applicants for these qualifications are fully aware of the time commitment and specific requirement of each course. A DCP tutor will contact an applicant before confirming a place to ensure they are supported in the workplace, are able to achieve all the specific clinical procedures and have appropriate digital technologies available to study.

### *Where do I find the syllabus and specific qualification requirements?*

You will be encouraged to review the NEBDN syllabus for your chosen qualification and will be provided with a link to the awarding organisation website. You should ensure that you are able to meet the requirements of the Record of Competence before committing to study.

### *How will the qualification be delivered?*

Each accredited training provider, commissioned through HEE Yorkshire and Humber, will have their own method of course delivery. Some are fully online and some offer a blended approach via flipped learning and Face to Face contact. Further information is provided on application.

### *How long is the course?*

The underpinning knowledge and completion of the Record of Competence portfolio for each course is delivered over 6 months to a year. There is considerable independent study required for all post registration courses and all deadlines, set by the provider, must be met. You will need to declare that you are able to attend every session that is timetabled on Maxcourse.

### *How much does the course cost?*

Health Education England supports dental nurses with the cost of attending the course. Each applicant will be expected to pay towards the cost of the qualification and, in addition, pay the exam fee and registration to access the Record of Competence [RoC].

### 7. Checklist

- 7.1. I am registered with the General Dental Council ☐
- 7.2. I am able to allocate at least one witness to support my learning and practical skills ☐
- 7.3. I have informed my indemnity provider that I will be undertaking additional duties ☐
- 7.4. I have read and understand the requirements of the NEBDN syllabus and confirm I am able to perform or assist with procedures required in the qualification ☐
- 7.5. I am not currently undertaking a post-registration qualification ☐
- 7.6. I am able to attend all dates advertised ☐