

Information for overseas dental care professionals

The [General Dental Council \(GDC\)](#) ^[1] is the organisation that regulates qualified dental professionals in the UK.

All [dentists](#) ^[2], [dental nurses](#) ^[3], [dental technicians](#) ^[4], [dental hygienists](#) ^[5], [dental therapists](#) ^[6], [clinical dental technicians](#) ^[4] and [orthodontic therapists](#) ^[5] must be registered with the GDC to work in the UK.

When you register with the GDC you are licensed to work as a dentist or other dental care professional in the UK.

The Dental Care Professionals Register includes:

- [dental hygienists](#) ^[5]
- [dental therapists](#) ^[6]
- [clinical dental technicians](#) ^[4]
- [orthodontic therapists](#) ^[5]
- [dental nurses](#) ^[3]
- [dental technicians](#) ^[4]

Code of practice for ethical recruitment

Many NHS organisations contract with agencies to help with overseas recruitment campaigns, in line with the [Department of Health and Social Care code of practice](#) ^[7].

The code is clear that active recruitment from developing countries is unethical. See [NHS Employers' website](#) ^[8] for more detail. The code of practice also includes key principles such as not requiring candidates to pay a fee up front. If you are asked to pay a fee up front for promises of NHS accommodation or work, please report the request to [Action Fraud](#) ^[9].

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