

## Purpose statement

The following purpose statement relates to the **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Working in Dental Settings (603/0293/8)**

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OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>The Level 2 Technical Certificate in Working in Dental Settings is for you if you are interested in starting your career in Dental Health in a customer facing role or if you are thinking of becoming a Dental Nurse but are not yet ready to move onto the Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing.</p> <p>This Level 2 Technical Certificate aims to provide you with a range of essential technical and practical skills and knowledge, which will equip you to seek employment or further training within the Dental Health industry.</p> <p>The knowledge and skills gained will ensure that you are able to operate in a Dental Setting. You will cover communication skills, dental practice reception skills, infection prevention and control, health and safety and decontamination skills and duties.</p> <p>Following successful completion of the qualification you will be qualified to work in a number of employment destinations, in roles such as dental receptionist, dental decontamination assistant or dental support worker</p> <p>This qualification is suitable for you if you are 16 or older. You don't need any previous knowledge or experience in the sector to start this qualification.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification covers the basic knowledge and skills needed to operate in dental settings. You will study the following mandatory content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles of health and safety in dental settings</li><li>• Principles of infection prevention and control in dental settings</li><li>• Communication for effective working practice in dental settings</li><li>• Reception and administration in dental settings</li><li>• Principles of safeguarding in dental settings</li><li>• Standards and principles in dental settings</li><li>• Dental anatomy and charting</li><li>• General and oral health</li><li>• Introduction to dental treatments</li><li>• Principles of first aid in medical emergencies</li></ul>

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You will also have to complete 30 – 60 hours work experience in a dental setting alongside the qualification. The work experience really gives you the opportunity to put all the skills that you have learned into practice and handle real customer situations.

You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and assessment of this qualification.

Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of the training. There are different ways in which centres and providers, working with local or national employers, can support your learning:

- Structured work experience or work placements within their business
- Classes or lectures given by sector experts
- Employers’ input into projects and exercises or their involvement in setting assessments and examinations
- Employers acting as expert witnesses to contribute to the assessment of your work

This training is the ideal preparation for employment in dental settings.

<b>WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?</b>	
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<p>Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?</p>	<p>Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the necessary technical skills and knowledge they will be looking for when recruiting for roles such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental receptionist</li> <li>• Dental support worker</li> <li>• Dental decontamination assistant</li> </ul>
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<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>There are no other College-based qualifications within this suite at this Level.</p>
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Will the qualification lead to further learning?	<p>On completion you may decide to move on to further learning, for instance onto one of the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing</b>- This is the required qualification if you want to work as a Dental Nurse and on completion you will be able to register with the Industry regulator, the General Dental Council (GDC). You may also want to consider an apprenticeship in Dental Nursing.</li> <li>• <b>Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Health and Care (540)</b></li> <li>• <b>Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Care (1080)</b></li> </ul>

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	The Society of British Dental Nurses
Further information	Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.