

C&G Dental nursing qualification update (England, Wales & NI)**6 Feb 2014****4234: Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing****5234: Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing****New qualification launch (5234)**

The website is live. The qualification has full support from both the GDC and Skills for Health. It is accredited and is now available for registrations. The handbook is on the website at this link:

Qualification handbook – click on “centre documents”

<http://www.cityandguilds.com/courses-and-qualifications/health-and-social-care/dental-nursing/5234-dental-nursing/level-3>

The **4234** Diploma in Dental Nursing remains open for registrations until **30 April 2014**.

Apprenticeship framework

The framework **Health (Dental Nursing) (England)** has been revised by **Skills for Health** on 03-Feb-2014 to include the new 5234 qualification. This framework is available in the [Apprenticeship frameworks online framework library](#). The 4234 qualification will be removed in due course.

Fast track

The fast track form enabling centres offering the 4234 to easily be approved for the 5234 is available on the website under the *Centre Documents* section. You should complete this and send it on to your local office for processing.

New tutor forum

The Dental Nursing Tutor forum has been set up on the new SmartScreen portal, and can be ordered through the [Walled Garden](#). The new platform will require new registrations, however. You can search on the Walled Garden using “dental nursing tutor forum”. Or you can enter the following code to access and order it:

Smart Screen	126000483	Dental Nursing	SS0006-FRM
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It remains a free resource for you to use.

First Aid unit end date within 4234

Unit 4234-303, Emergency First Aid Skills, expired on 30th June 2013 for new registrations and was replaced by 4234-268, First Aid Essentials. Candidates registered on 4234-31 before the 30th June 2013 may claim the results against unit 4234-303. However, they **must** claim by 30th June 2014. After this date, all candidates must complete the new unit. However any new candidates registered on 4234-31 after 30th June 2013 must claim the new unit 4234-268 as per current rules of combinations.

Dental nursing badges

We are now enabling centres to order these badges through the Walled Garden. All you need to do is search for the item under code PM005234 or by the name 'dental nursing badge'. You can then add them to your shopping basket and purchase as usual.

**General Dental Council inspection**

The GDC will be inspecting a sample of our dental nursing centres to ensure they comply with their criteria. These criteria are given in detail in the handbook, available via the link above. Please ensure you are familiar with your responsibilities as a centre.

Dental Decontamination: 3130

The new qualification in dental decontamination, 3130-31 is fully live. There has been a proposal to offer this qualification via *traineeships*. If candidates were to do English and maths, this could form part of a funded traineeship and lead on to an apprenticeship. City & Guilds are not in a position to give funding advice; but we would support centres to explore this model.