

Dental School 2016 entry requirements

(Students should always check current entry requirements)

You can apply online through UCAS from 1 September 2015 for entry in September 2016. The application deadline is 15 October for UK/EU and international applications for dentistry. Dental degrees are generally 5 years and lead to a BDS. Entry usually requires chemistry and biology at A level/IB Higher/Advanced Highers. Some dental degrees allow the optional extra intercalated 3rd year.

No more than four of a possible five choices can be used for dentistry, medicine or veterinary science. If you give more than four choices for these courses UCAS will not process your application. However, you can use your fifth choice to apply for an alternative course without prejudice to your commitment to dentistry.

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) threshold score applied to determine candidate selection for interview can alter each year and is influenced by overall candidate performance in the UKCAT and the number and quality of applications received. Only three schools do not use UKCAT.

There is a useful book by Trotman Getting into Dental school **ISBN-13:** 978-1909319516.

The British Dental Association BDA provides careers information on becoming a dentist <https://www.bda.org/students/careers-and-education>

It is rare to be offered a place without an interview and at interview, dental schools will be looking for demonstration of strong interpersonal and communication skills due to the nature of the work dealing with patients. Many have changed to the short Multi Mini Interviews MMIs to help them assess suitability of applicants to the profession rather than one traditional interview

University	Entrance Test	GCSEs, Selection and interviews	A levels	International Baccalaureate	Scottish Highers	Sciences required
Queens's University, Belfast http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdb/dentistry/ProspectiveStudents/Applying/	UKCAT	2016 admissions policy: http://www.med.qub.ac.uk/docs/AdmissionPolicyDentistry-2016.pdf Mathematics, English and Physics (or Double Award Science) are required if not offered at AS, A-level or IB.	AAA+a Chemistry at grade A and (Biology at grade A or Mathematics at grade A or Physics at grade A).	36 to include 666 at HL with Biology and Chemistry	AA-AAA at AH including Chemistry Scottish Higher results are important - if not AAAAA, a third Advanced Higher is required.	Chemistry +one from Biology, Physics, Maths. Biology must be at AS minimum
Birmingham http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/med/dental-surgery.aspx	UKCAT	Candidates must have GCSE Chemistry & Biology at grade A* (or Double Science award at grade A*A*) plus Mathematics and English Language at grade A. Work experience (minimum 10 working days) in a general NHS dental practice is required before completing the UCAS form. MMI interviews.	AAA+a/b Must include Chemistry and Biology	36 points including Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level with 6, 6, 6 at Higher Level	AAA at AH To include Chemistry and Biology plus a third subject.	Chemistry and Biology
Bristol http://www.brist	No	Minimum of five GCSEs at grade A*/A to include English Language, Mathematics and	AAA including Chemistry and	36 to include 18 points at Higher	H:AAAAB and AH: AA in Chemistry and	Chemistry and one other lab based science ,

ol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/2016/dentistry/bds-dentistry/		two science subjects Multiple Mini Interviews which will take approximately 90 minutes	one other lab-based science, preferably Biology. AS-level Biology at grade A required if not taken to A-level.	Level with 6, 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry and one other lab-based science, preferably Biology. 6 in Standard Level Biology is required if not taken at Higher Level	Biology	Biology preferred
Cardiff http://courses.cardiff.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/detail/A200.html	UKCAT	We expect grade As in English Language, Mathematics, Science, Additional Science (including the Double Award), 2016 Admissions criteria: MMIs, There are ten stations on total. Each mini interview lasts a maximum of 5 minutes.	AAA including Chemistry and Biology	36 with 6 in HL Biology and Chemistry	AA at AH including Chemistry and Biology We also expect applicants to have achieved five A grades in Scottish Highers.	Chemistry and Biology
Dundee	UKCAT	We also require National 5 English, Maths, Biology and Chemistry plus one more subject, with Grade A in Biology. Biology is required at least to GCSE level with Grade A. The duration of work experience is not specified, but it is hoped that candidates will make every effort to observe for some time.	AAA to include Chemistry and another science	37 To include Chemistry and another science at Higher level. Plus 3 subjects at SL with average of grade 6 to include Biology.	AAAAB (minimum), at the 1st of Highers, to include Biology and another science Offers will be conditional, based on 3 AH, normally	Chemistry and another science

		The MMIs consist of ten seven minute stations involving a variety of situations in order to evaluate candidates' suitability to a career in a health care profession. Some stations will be one to one interviews, while others will be based around role-playing or problem solving.			at BBB grades.	
Glasgow http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements/	UKCAT	<p>7 subjects at GCSE grade B or above to include: English Language and/or English Literature and Physics and/or Maths, unless taken at AS level</p> <p>All applicants must have undertaken a minimum of 3 days work shadowing experience, preferably within a General Dental Practice setting, it should also include time with other members of the dental team as it is equally important to understand their roles.</p> <p>2016 Bachelor of Dental Surgery person specification</p>	AAA Must include Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry.	36 Chemistry and Biology at HL6 and either Maths or Physics at HL.	AAAAB by the end of S6 with a minimum of AABB by the end of S5. Higher subjects must include Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry (both at Grade A), English/ESOL and either Maths or Physics.	Chemistry and Biology
Kings http://www.kcl.ac.uk/prospectus/undergraduate/dentistry/entryrequirements	UKCAT	<p>We would normally expect that applicants will have undertaken some voluntary work experience in a caring/health environment and/or observation in a dental clinical setting.</p> <p>Normally, a multiple mini interview, usually 40-50 minutes, with at least four interviewers.</p>	AAA+/b To include Chemistry and Biology at A level. Grade B in both English and Mathematics, if not offered at A/AS-level.	35 And 666 in three HL subjects to include Chemistry and Biology plus grade 5 SL in both English and Mathematics, if not offered at	AA in AH including Chemistry and Biology, in addition to AAAAB in 5 Highers Maths and English also required at Intermediate	Chemistry and Biology

					2/Standard Credit Grade1 or 2/National 5 with B.	
Leeds http://medhealth.leeds.ac.uk/coursefinder/23619/Master_and_Bachelor_of_Dental_Surgery_and_Bachelor_of_Science_(MChD/BChD,_BSc)?from=1211&categoryID=	BMAT	<p>GCSEs: minimum of 6 GCSEs including Chemistry, Biology (or dual science), English and Maths (English and Maths should be passed at minimum Grade B.</p> <p>Scottish qualifications: A/B grades at Highers level in Chemistry, Biology, English and either Physics or Mathematics before application.</p> <p>The interviews will take the format of multiple mini interviews (MMIs) instead of the traditional panel interview format.</p>	AAA including Biology and Chemistry. The third A-Level may be any subject except General Studies or Critical Thinking.	35 including a score of 6 in HL Chemistry and Biology, plus a further HL 6. English must be offered at HL or SL (grade 5 minimum if not offered at GCSE).	AA AH including Biology and Chemistry plus A third Advanced Higher subject at grade B minimum or two Higher level subjects at grade B minimum are also required	Chemistry and Biology
Liverpool https://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/dental-surgery-bds/entry-requirements/	no	<p>A minimum of 7 Academic GCSE subjects at grade A (Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted) including a grade A in Maths and English Language.</p> <p>Admissions document</p> <p>Evidence required of work experience.</p>	AAA including Chemistry and Biology	36 with 6 in Chemistry and Biology at HL	AAA at AH to include Biology and Chemistry Plus AAAAB at Higher level including Chemistry and Biology	Chemistry and Biology
Manchester http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergradu	UKCAT	<p>We are aware that the some schools may no longer enter candidates for AS Level qualifications. These students will not be disadvantaged if written confirmation of this</p>	AAA+b This must include Chemistry, Biology and a	37 7,6,6 in the Higher Level subjects, which	AA at AH including Biology and Chemistry	Chemistry and Biology

ate/courses/2015/00398/dentistry-first-year-entry-5-years-bds/entry-requirements/		<p>policy is provided by the school.</p> <p>Six GCSEs at a minimum of Grade A (including either Integrated Double Award Science or Physics, Chemistry and Biology) and Grade B or above in GCSE English Language and Mathematics are normally required in support of your level 3 qualifications</p> <p>You are required to have observed a general dental practitioner at work before applying. A minimum period of two-weeks experience in a general dental practice (either NHS or private or both) is required.</p> <p>Application process</p>	<p>third A level at grade A.</p>	<p>must include Biology and Chemistry with 7 and 6 5,5,5 in the Standard Level subjects 1 core point</p>	<p>H: AAAAA including Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, English and Biology.</p>	
<p>Newcastle</p> <p>http://www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/206/entryrequirements/</p>	<p>UKCAT</p>	<p>All applicants are required to have undertaken a minimum of two weeks' dental work experience prior to submitting their UCAS application. This should be carried out in a General Dental Practice, but other types of dental work experience may be considered.</p> <p>The interview will be conducted by two selectors and will last approximately 20 minutes.</p> <p>Dental School admissions policy - 2015 entry 2016 entry not available in August 2015</p>	<p>AAA including Chemistry and Biology.</p>	<p>37 with Chemistry and Biology at Grade 6 or above at Higher level.</p>	<p>A/B 2 AH to include Biology and/or Chemistry. AAAAA at H including Chemistry and Biology.</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology</p>
<p>Plymouth University, Peninsula School of Dentistry</p>	<p>UKCAT</p>	<p>You are required to achieve seven GCSE passes at grades A-C which must include English Language, Mathematics, and either GCSE Single and Additional Science or GCSE</p>	<p>A*AA+c – AAA+c To include Chemistry and Biology. A fourth</p>	<p>36-38 including 6 in both Chemistry and Biology at</p>	<p>AAA at AH including Chemistry and Biology</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology</p>

https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/bds-dental-surgery		<p>Biology.</p> <p>The interviews follow a structured and formal process in order to ensure that every student applying to a particular programme, is asked the same questions and receives the same prompts. The interview should take approximately 20 minutes. It is not a test of medical or scientific knowledge, but aims to explore your attitudes, outlook and way of thinking.</p>	<p>subject must be achieved at a minimum of grade C at AS Level</p>	<p>HL</p>		
<p>Barts and The London</p>	<p>UKCAT</p>	<p>GCSEs at grades AAABBB or above (in any order) to include biology (or human biology), chemistry, English language and mathematics (or additional mathematics or statistics). The science double award may substitute all sciences at GCSE.</p> <p>You are advised to check last year admissions cycle data before applying, see Admissions data: the 2015 admissions cycle</p> <p>Selectors will expect that candidates can demonstrate some knowledge about a career in dentistry and have gained (some) work experience in a relevant setting.</p> <p>Normally interview panels consist of two members of senior academic or clinical staff, a dentistry student and sometimes a lay selector.</p>	<p>AAA+b</p> <p>Two Science A levels from Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Maths. Both Chemistry and Biology at AS to a minimum of grade B.</p>	<p>38</p> <p>6,6,6, at HL in one of Biology and/or Chemistry, the other at SL . Another science or Maths required at HL.</p>	<p>AA at AH</p> <p>in two of the subjects offered at H, including chemistry and/or biology.</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology , at least one at AS</p>
<p>Sheffield</p> <p>https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dent</p>	<p>UKCAT</p>	<p>Although we attempt to take an holistic approach to the selection of students most applicants who secure an interview have a</p>	<p>AAA</p> <p>must include Chemistry and</p>	<p>37 with chem, Biology, at HL 6</p>	<p>A</p> <p>AH Chemistry</p>	<p>Chemistry and Biology</p>

<p>alschool/undergraduate/bds/selection#Academic Criteria</p>		<p>minimum of 8 A grades at GCSE Level which include Maths, English Language and Science subjects.</p> <p>Applicants should have work experience in health care environments, including a placement within a general dental practice. Applicants should understand the qualities required to be a health care professional.</p> <p>Interview panels comprise of two members of academic staff, a senior dental student and a patient interviewer. Interviews last up to 20 minutes</p>	<p>Biology</p>		<p>Plus AAAAB at H including Biology and Chemistry</p>	
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