

AIR FORCE DENTAL ASSISTANT

As a Dental Assistant, you'll be part of the Air Force health care team, supporting Air Force and civilian dentists as well as civilian dental hygienists working for the ADF. You'll provide high quality dental care to ADF members, communities within Australia and coalition forces on overseas operations.

You'll also be required to follow stringent infection control protocols in order to maintain a safe working environment and a high standard of patient care.



YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

You'll be employed in dental chair-side support roles, oral health education, practice administration and other health support duties. You may be required on occasion to undertake these duties working with portable dental equipment and Central Sterile Supply Department (CSSD) equipment either within Australia or overseas.

Your duties may include:

- providing chair-side assistance to dentists and civilian hygienists as directed
- preparing dental restorative impression and therapeutic materials for use by the Dentist
- operating and maintaining all dental surgery equipment as directed
- processing, classifying and mounting intra-oral radiographs
- preparing, interpreting and maintaining patient records on both manual and electronic systems
- coordinating and maintaining dental appointment system
- performing hygiene, sterilisation and infection control procedures for chair-side procedures including cleanliness of dental surgeries, instruments, and equipment
- assisting with accounting procedures for dental section stores, equipment and material.

HOW YOU'LL PROGRESS

Opportunities for progression and upskilling continue throughout your career. As you progress, the Air Force will provide you with development opportunities to assist you with your increasing leadership responsibility, as well as further education and specialised training within your chosen role. This world-class training will strengthen your skillset and help you to lead teams of aviators in the future.

WHERE YOU'LL WORK

Following completion of training, you will primarily be posted to locations including Brisbane, QLD and Newcastle, NSW. You may also have opportunities to be posted to other bases across Australia, including regional areas, in line with Air Force capability requirements.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

To join the ADF, you must be healthy and physically fit. You'll also be required to successfully pass a physical fitness assessment as part of the entry requirements based on the following:

Female:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Shuttle Run Score: 5.1.

Male:

- Sit-ups (feet held): 20
- Shuttle Run Score: 6.1.

Once you join, you will be required to maintain your fitness standards throughout career, including at Initial Military Training where you will complete another fitness assessment.

MILITARY TRAINING

-  **Course:** Air Force Recruit Course
-  **Duration:** 11 weeks
-  **Location:** RAAF Base Wagga, NSW

During this training you will transition from civilian to Service life, acquiring the basic knowledge, skills and physical fitness required for your role; and learning to become an effective and productive member of the Air Force.

The major elements of the course include:

- personal development and teamwork
- parade drill
- weapon handling and firing
- airfield defence
- fire fighting
- physical fitness
- Air Force history, customs and traditions
- military law.

After graduation, you'll undertake Initial Employment Training (IET) in your trade or category.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

-  **Course:** ADF Dental Assistant Course
-  **Duration:** 20 weeks
-  **Location:** ADF Dental School (ADFDS), HMAS Cerberus, Vic

The course provides instruction in:

- dental science
- workplace health and safety
- infection control, sterilisation
- chair-side assisting, model construction
- dental unit administration
- dental radiology
- portable dental unit.

Once completed, you'll be awarded a Certificate III in Dental Assisting.

SALARY

You'll be paid while you train, and on completion of your Initial Military Training and Employment Training, you'll earn at least:

YOUR STARTING SALARY


FROM
\$60,517 AUD PER YEAR

YOUR SALARY ONCE TRAINED


FROM
\$82,322 AUD PER YEAR