ADMISSION TO DENTISTRY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES FOR AY2020–AY2021

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Besides the conditions indicated in the Offer Letter, admission to Dentistry is subject to the following health and health-related requirements. The screening and vaccination requirements are in line with those stipulated by the Ministry of Health (MOH).

1) **Blood Borne Diseases (BBD)**

   a) **Hepatitis B**

      All prospective dental students must be screened for Hepatitis B carriage. This screening should be done no earlier than 6-months before commencement of the course (i.e. not before 1 February 2020).

      For prospective students who are Hepatitis B negative and do not have documented serological evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B (i.e. anti-HBs ≥ 10mIU/mL), they must be vaccinated with the primary course series (i.e. 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine). A post-vaccination serology test within 1 – 2 months after completion of the primary 3-dose vaccination series should be conducted to determine the level of protective antibodies (i.e. anti-HBs ≥ 10mIU/mL). In the event that prospective students continue to be non-immune despite repeat vaccinations, they will be counselled to understand their risk and susceptibility to Hepatitis B during the course of study and when they graduate.

      Candidates who fail or decline to undergo Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening, furnish evidence of HBV immunisation, and/or refuse to be immunised if required, will have their admission offer rescinded. The University reserves the right to require any or all of its new dental students to undergo further tests for any or all markers of the HBV and exclude any candidate tested-positive for HBV from admission.

   b) **Hepatitis C and Human-Immunodeficiency Virus**

      All prospective dental students must be screened for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”). This screening should be done no earlier than 3-months before commencement of the course (i.e. not before 1 May 2020).

      Candidates who fail, or decline to undergo, HCV and HIV screening will have their admission offer rescinded. The University reserves the right to require any or all of its new dental students to undergo further tests for any or all markers of HCV and HIV and exclude any candidates who are tested-positive and infectious for these viruses from admission.
2) **Varicella Zoster Virus (Chickenpox)**

All prospective dental students should be immune or vaccinated. Students should either be screened for immunity, or produce official records of previous vaccinations as proof of immunity. Self-declaration is only acceptable if the history of Varicella was based on physician diagnosis. When past history of Varicella is uncertain, a serology test should be carried out to confirm immunity against Varicella.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunisation for Chickenpox if:

i) The student concerned has a letter from a registered medical practitioner stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine; or

ii) The student concerned has documented evidence of two administrations of the Varicella vaccine (non-responders).

3) **Mumps, Measles and Rubella Viruses (MMR)**

All prospective dental students should be immune (from documented infection) or fully vaccinated. Students should produce official records of previous vaccinations (2-dose series) or serological screening results of immunity against all 3 diseases or laboratory confirmation of all 3 diseases or physician documented diagnoses of previous infection as proof of immunity. Self-declaration of previous infection is not sufficient.

Those who are tested negative for immunity against any of these viruses will be required to be immunised before commencement of the course.

Students may begin classes without documentary evidence of immunisation for MMR if he/she has a letter from a physician stating that there is a reason why he/she cannot receive the vaccine.

4) **Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertusis.** All prospective Dentistry students should receive tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccination, if they have not previously received the Tdap vaccination.

Students who have previously received Tdap vaccination should receive a booster dose of Td every 10 years. If Td is unavailable, it may be replaced with Tdap.

Documented proof of vaccination with Tdap or Td in the last 10 years would be acceptable evidence of immunity. Self-declaration is not considered proof of immunity.

5) **Audiometric Testing**

From 2013, in compliance with NUS and the Ministry of Manpower statutory medical surveillance requirements, all candidates must complete the NUS Occupational Health risk assessment form as well as undergo an audiometric testing.

All candidates should have their screening and testing (HBV, HCV, HIV, VZV, MMR, Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertusis Screening and Audiometric Test) as well as immunisations done at the Occupational Health Clinic (OHC), University Health Centre Basement, 20 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119080. The costs for screening, immunisation and testing, as well as the deadlines by which the screening, immunisation and testing must be completed, are set out in Table 1.

In order to ease waiting times, candidates are advised to complete the medical examination, screening and audiometric test as early as possible. Please contact the Occupational Health Clinic to arrange an appointment.
### Table 1: Screenings and Vaccinations Deadline

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| Hepatitis B$^a$                       | $26.00 |          |     |          | • $30.00 per injection  
• 3 injections over 6 months or booster single injection only  
To complete by 31 January 2021  
• 1 month after immunisation  
• Post-vaccination antibody blood test at $16.00 |
| Hepatitis C                          | $40.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| HIV                                  | $25.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| Varicella Zoster (Chickenpox)        | $47.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| Mumps                                | $75.00 |          |     |          | To complete by 28 September 2020 |
| Measles                              | $90.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| Rubella                              | $28.00 |          |     |          | |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertusis     | $40.00 |          |     |          | • 1 dose of Tdap, if students have not previously received it, followed by Td/Tdap booster once every 10 years  
• If students have previously received 1 dose of Tdap, Td/Tdap booster every 10 years |
| Audiometry Test                      | $35.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| Basic Medical Checkup with CXR, Urinalysis | $40.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable  
To complete by 30 July 2020  
Not Applicable |
| Occupational Health Individual Risk and Ergonomic Screen | $20.00 |          |     |          | Not Applicable |
| Spirometry Test (as recommended by the OHC doctor) | $30.00 |          |     |          | Not applicable |

Note: No GST is applicable.
If there is evidence of screening done no earlier than 6 months before the commencement of the programme (i.e. not before 1 Feb 2020) which shows anti-HBs ≥ 10mlU/mL, there is no need to repeat the Hepatitis B screening.

The above health requirements are subject to change. If you need clarification on any of these issues, please contact the Occupational Health Centre staff at Tel: 6516 7333/6601 1781.

### SERVICE OBLIGATION AGREEMENT FOR DENTAL STUDENTS

Candidates admitted to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) course at the National University of Singapore and who are not in receipt of PSC / MINDEF scholarships / bursaries, are required to serve the Government of Singapore upon successful completion of the course for a number of years (known as “service obligation”) as stated in the following table:

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Those awarded PSC / MINDEF scholarships / bursaries will be bonded according to the terms of their respective awards.

Students are required to sign a Service Obligation Agreement with the Government to serve the service obligation period as specified. Your acceptance of the offer of admission to the BDS course is conditional upon you signing the agreement with the relevant authority in the year of entry to the University.

If the agreement is terminated prematurely during the course or before you complete the service obligation period, you will be liable for liquidated damages (“LD”) payable in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The amount of liquidated damages is computed based on the subsidy granted and disbursed by the Government to the student, with application of compound interest, and pro-rated by the number of completed months of service. Failure to obtain the BDS or to complete the BDS course within the time stipulated by NUS would also be considered a breach of the provisions of the Agreement.

Please note that candidates are to sign the Service Obligation Agreement only in the year they are matriculating in NUS.

For signing of the Service Obligation Agreement, two persons are required to stand as your sureties. Your sureties should:

a) Be above 21 years of age and preferably under 65 years of age;

b) Not a bankrupt;

c) Able to provide proof of financial means to pay the scholarship liabilities should it become due either:

   i) viz. Latest income statement (or IRAS income tax return) indicating that the surety is gainfully employed and drawing an income of at least S$1,000 per month;

   Or

   ii) viz. title deed*;

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   iii) viz. banker’s guarantee^;

   Or

   iv) Not party to an existing bond, scholarship or bursary*

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* Property can be accepted as a proof of asset if mortgage on the property is fully paid and the value of the property must not be less than the estimated amount of the liquidated damages. Both private and public property can be accepted as long as the mortgage is paid up.

^ The financial status of each surety will be assessed independently.

* Parents who are currently serving as sureties for their other child/children for similar Agreements with the Government of Singapore, will only be permitted to serve as sureties for the current Agreement using different financial means.
The value of the banker’s guarantee should be equivalent to or more than the estimated amount of LD. The surety has to set aside and lock in the full amount of estimated LD for the entire duration of studies and bond period.

Sureties’ CPF savings and insurance policies are NOT accepted.

For Singapore/Singapore Permanent Resident students, the 1st surety should be a Singapore Citizen. The 2nd surety can be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident. For international students, both sureties must either be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident.

Sureties can be non-citizens if they are parents of the students.

If you need further information, please visit the Ministry of Health website at https://www.moh.gov.sg/hpp/all-healthcare-professionals/career-practice/CareerNPracticesDetails/medical-dental-undergraduate-agreement or contact the Ministry of Health at Tel: 6325 9220.

COST OF MATERIALS FOR DENTAL STUDENTS

Dentistry students are to note that they will be required to pay for the cost of materials, in addition to the tuition fees, needed for their course of study. For the 4-year course, the amount is estimated to be about S$800 comprising mainly payment for precious metals (gold) for technique work, some instruments and consumables. This amount is spread out over 4 years.

NOTEBOOK REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS

All new students enrolling in Dentistry will need to own a notebook computer from the start of the course. You are encouraged to have one with a minimum screen size of 13”.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE

If you withdraw from the course after Week 2 Semester 1, you will be liable for tuition fees and any liquidated damages for tuition grants, if applicable.

Above information is accurate as at 14 May 2020.