

School of Dentistry

Undergraduate Admissions Policy for 2023 entry

This policy provides detail on the additional requirements of the following programmes offered by the School of Dentistry:

- BDS Bachelor of Dental Surgery (A200)
- BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene (B752)
- DipHE Diploma in Dental Hygiene (B750)

Note: this policy should be read in conjunction with the [Cardiff University Admissions Policies](#) and published entry requirements.

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1. Entry requirements

1.1 The typical entry requirements for GCSEs, A-level, BTEC, International Baccalaureate (IB), and T Level applicants are published on [Coursefinder](#) and [UCAS](#).

1.2 Non-standard entry requirements

For applicants not offering GCSEs, A-level, BTEC, IB, and T Levels please see our list of acceptable alternative qualifications:

- [Appendix A - Bachelor of Dental Surgery \(A200\)](#)
- [Appendix B - DipHE Dental Hygiene \(B750\)](#)
- [Appendix C - BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene \(B752\)](#)

1.3 Resits

For the BDS programme (A200), A-level resit applicants are not considered unless they have held a conditional firm offer in the previous year and not met the conditions of that offer.

Resits are considered for B750 and B752 in line with the University's resit policy.

2. UCAS Application Deadlines

2.1 For the BDS programme, you must submit a fully completed application (including achieved and pending academic and English language qualifications) via UCAS by 15 October 2022 at 18:00hrs (UK time). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

2.2 For the BSc Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene and DipHE Dental Hygiene programmes, you must submit a fully completed application (including achieved and pending academic and English language qualifications) via UCAS by 25 January 2023 at 18:00 (UK time) deadline to be guaranteed consideration. Applications received after this date will be considered subject to places being available.

3. Selection process

3.1 If you meet the minimum entry requirements at Level 2 (typically GCSEs) and Level 3 (typically A-levels), your application will be given an academic score. If you are applying for the BDS programme, your overall score will also include the UCAT and SJT score. The highest scoring applicants are invited to interview. Applicants must also submit a satisfactory personal statement and references to be eligible for an interview.

3.2 Widening participation

As part of our commitment to widening participation additional points are given in the scoring process for applicants who are considered contextual applicants. Grade softening is also used for the BSc Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene and DipHE Dental Hygiene programmes for contextual applicants.

Appendix A - Bachelor of Dental Surgery (A200)

Access to Higher Education	Access courses are not accepted for this programme.
Graduate applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:1 Honours classification in a science-based subject with BBB grades at A-level, or equivalent, including Biology and Chemistry. • 2:1 Honours classification in a non-science-based subject with AAB grades at A-level, or equivalent, including AA in Biology and Chemistry. • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met. Resits of modules are permitted but the degree must be awarded by the release of the A-levels results in the year of application.
International qualifications	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications may be considered.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/admissions-criteria</p> <p>Please note that subject requirements at Level 2 and Level 3 must be met.</p>
Other UK qualifications	<p>Applicants offering other qualifications, or a combination of qualifications, may be considered.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the information published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-procedures/qualification-acceptance</p> <p>Please note that subject requirements at Level 2 and Level 3 must be met.</p>
Scottish National 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade A in seven National 5 subjects including Biology, Chemistry, English language, and Mathematics AND • AAAAA at Higher Level including two sciences (Biology and Chemistry) AND • AA grades at Advanced Higher including Biology and Chemistry.

Appendix B - BSc Dental Therapy and Hygiene (B752)

Access to Higher Education	<p>Science based programme (with Biology or Human Biology).</p> <p>45 credits at level 3 (with 30 credits at distinction and 15 at merit).</p>
Pathway to Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy	<p>Subject to passing 60 credits on the Pathway to Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy</p> <p>To include the prerequisites of 5 GCSEs A-C to include English/Welsh (or equivalents)</p>
Graduate applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours classification in a science-based subject with BCC grades A-level at A-level, or equivalent including Biology or Human Biology. • 2:2 Honours classification in a non-science-based subject with BCC grades at A-level, or equivalent, including B in Biology or Human Biology. • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met. Resits of modules are permitted but the degree must be awarded by the release of the A-levels results in the year of application.
International qualifications	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications can only be considered if assessed as Home in relation to Fee Status.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/admissions-criteria</p> <p>Level and subject requirements must be met.</p>
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Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade C in five National 5 subjects including English language and Biology AND • CC at Advanced Higher including Biology AND • either another subject at grade C at Advanced Higher Level OR CC at Higher level OR a combination of Advanced Highers and Highers (BBB at A-level grade equivalency and subject requirements must be met)

Appendix C - DipHE Dental Hygiene (B750)

Access to Higher Education	<p>Science based programme (with Biology or Human Biology).</p> <p>45 credits at level 3 (with 30 credits at merit and 15 at distinction).</p>
Pathway to Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy	<p>Subject to passing 60 credits on the Pathway to Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy</p> <p>To include the prerequisites of 5 GCSEs A-C to include English/Welsh (or equivalents).</p>
Graduate applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours classification with CC grades at A-level, or equivalent including Biology or Human Biology • Level 2 (GCSE) requirements must also be met. Resits of modules are permitted but the degree must be awarded by the release of the A-levels results in the year of application.
International qualifications	<p>Applicants offering international qualifications can only be considered if assessed as Home in relation to Fee Status.</p> <p>Applicants should refer to the equivalency tables published on our website for further information:</p> <p>https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/admissions-criteria</p> <p>Level and subject requirements must be met.</p>
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Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade C in five National 5 subjects including English language and Biology AND • AA grades at Higher level including Biology OR a combination of Advanced Highers and Highers (CC at A-level grade equivalency and subject requirements must be met)