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To: ALL REGISTERED DENTAL PROFESSIONALS

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY AS A DENTAL SPECIALTY

Special Care Dentistry (SCD) has been included in the list of recognised Dental Specialities. The SCD discipline encompasses oral healthcare services for people with physical, medical, developmental, or cognitive conditions which limit their ability to receive routine dental care. Registered dental professionals may apply for specialist accreditation in SCD under the Grandfathering/ Direct Entry route. Please note that dentist may register as a specialist in 1 specialty only with the Singapore Dental Council.

2 The Grandfathering/ Direct Entry of SCD will commence for 2 years from **1 July 2025 to 30 Jun 2027.**

3 The criteria for Grandfathering/ Direct Entry for SCD are as follows.

- (a) Relevant 36 months of BST recognised by the SDC, and at least 2 years of post-graduate practice in Singapore pertaining to the specialty.
- (b) Clinicians who have completed the 1-year MSc programme; or Certification in Geriatric Dentistry with an MDS (Prosthodontics) qualification would be considered for the grandfathering exercise. Those who completed only 1-year relevant post-graduate qualification with at least 10 years of post-graduate practice would also be considered for the grandfathering exercise.
- (c) Applicants will need to demonstrate a total of 5 years of practice including BST training. Example of computation towards the time norm are as follows:
 - i. 3 years of BST + 2 years of post-graduate practice, or
 - ii. 4 years of BST + 1 year of post-graduate practice.

Those who do not meet the grandfathering criteria would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

4 More information can be found on the SDC's website at: [DSAB | Home \(healthprofessionals.gov.sg\)](https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/DSAB/DSAB-Home).

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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