

# Dental Implantology Privileging



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## INTRODUCTION

Health Regulation Sector (HRS) forms an integral part of Dubai Health Authority (DHA) and is mandated by DHA Law No. (6) Of 2018, to undertake several functions including, but not limited to:

- Developing regulation, policy, standards, guidelines to improve quality and patient safety and promote the growth and development of the health sector
- Licensure and inspection of health facilities as well as healthcare professionals and ensuring compliance to best practice
- Managing patient complaints and assuring patient and physician rights are upheld
- Managing health advertisement and marketing of healthcare products
- Governing the use of narcotics, controlled and semi-controlled medications
- Strengthening health tourism and assuring ongoing growth
- Assuring management of health informatics, e-health and promoting innovation

Dental Implantology Privileging aims to fulfil the following overarching DHA Strategic Objectives and Program within the Dubai Health Strategy (2016–2021):

- Objective 1: Position Dubai as a global medical destination by introducing a value-based, comprehensive, integrated and high-quality service delivery system
- Objective 2: Direct resources to ensure happy, healthy and safe environment for Dubai population
- Strategic Program 10: Excellence & Quality, which promotes excellence in healthcare service delivery in Dubai while enhancing patient happiness, experience, satisfaction and trust

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dubai Health Authority (DHA) is pleased to present the second version of the Dental Implantology Privileging, which focuses on DHA licensed dentists who meet the eligibility criteria to attain privileges to practice Dental Implantology in the Emirate of Dubai. The purpose of this document is to assure provision of the highest level of safety and quality of Dental Implantology services within DHA licensed health facilities at all times. The document is developed to keep pace with the evolving healthcare needs and in alignment with current international best practice. The document does not set out the clinical steps for dental implantology procedures but rather the requirements that must be met to become a dental implantologist. Dentist and Dental specialist are eligible to be privileged for dental implantology by DHA except for Dental Radiology and Forensic Dentistry licensing categories. Pre-requisites for dental privileging include:

- Multi-modular structured program or certificate over a period of eighteen (18) months and/or one hundred and sixty (160) hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) issued by DHA recognized accreditation bodies; and
- Thirty (30) implants performed on a minimum of ten (10) patients over a period of eighteen (18) months.

Renewing the Dental Implantology Privilege will be subject to evidence of Dental Implantology related CPD as part of the annual forty (40) CPD hours required per annum.

## DEFINITIONS

**Continuing Professional Development (CPD):** are a range of learning activities through which healthcare professionals maintain and develop their knowledge and skills throughout their career to ensure that they retain their capacity to practice safely, effectively and legally within their evolving scope of practice.

**Dental Implant:** is a cylindrical and/or tapered post, usually made of titanium that serves as a substitute for the tooth root and provides a strong and sturdy foundation for one or more replacement teeth.

**Dental Implantology:** is the branch of dental practice pertaining to the restoration and maintenance of oral function, appearance and health of the patient through the replacement of teeth and contiguous structures with endosseous dental implants and associated prosthetic components.

**License:** A permission granted by an authority to practice a healthcare profession.

**Position:** The term describing the applicant/ healthcare professional designation, which consist of Category, Title, and Specialty.

**Privilege:** is the approval endowed to licensed healthcare professionals by DHA to practice certain procedures based on additional qualification or training.

**Registration:** is a confirmation that the applicant/healthcare professional fulfills the requirements of the approved position(s), which is valid for a period of one (1) year, subject to renewal.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

- CBT** : Computer Based Testing
- CPD** : Continuing Professional Development
- DHA** : Dubai Health Authority
- HRS** : Health Regulation Sector

## 1. BACKGROUND

Over the past decade, dental implantology has become an indispensable part of mainstream dentistry, and has aided dentists improve the quality of life of patients. A dental implant (endosseous implant or fixture) is a surgical component that interfaces with the bone of the jaw or skull to anchor and support crowns, bridges, dentures and facial prosthesis. The success or failure of dental implants primarily relates to the surgeon's competencies, individual receiving treatment, the extent medication affect osseo-integration, the amount of stress that will be placed on the implant and general health of tissues.

The risks and complications related to implant therapy can generally be divided into three areas, namely the surgical risk (for example, excessive bleeding or nerve injury), risk that may occur in the first three-six months (such as infection and failure to osseointegrate) and risk that may occur over the longer term (such as peri-implantitis and mechanical failures). Thus, dentists practising dental implantology require specialized knowledge, clinical skillset and training in the surgical, prosthetic after care aspects of treatment. Health Regulation Sector (HRS) will assess and privilege dentists seeking to provide dental implantology services in Dubai Health Authority (DHA) licensed health facilities.

## 2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. To assure provision of the highest levels of safety and quality of Dental Implantology services in DHA licensed health facilities.

### 3. SCOPE

3.1. Dental Implantology privileges issued by DHA.

### 4. APPLICABILITY

4.1. DHA licensed healthcare professionals and health facilities providing Dental Implantology services.

### 5. ELIGIBLE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

5.1. Dental Implantology Privileging applies to DHA licensed dentists who meets the eligibility criteria set out in this document. Dental implantology privileging is not permitted for the following:

5.1.1. Dental Radiology.

5.1.2. Forensic Dentistry.

### 6. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

6.1. All DHA licensed dentist shall be assessed and privileged to provide Dental Implantology Services in DHA licensed health facilities. Applicants should not be out of implant practice for the last two (2) years at the time of application.

6.2. The requirements for a DHA licensed dentist to be privileged to practice dental implantology are as follows:

- 6.2.1. Evidence of recognized Implant Dentistry training multi-modular program or certificate over a period of eighteen (18) months and/or hundred and sixty (160) hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) issued by an accredited source OR Evidence of Implant Dentistry being part of the post graduate specialty program.
- 6.2.2. Evidence of completion of thirty (30) implants performed on a minimum of ten (10) patients over a period of eighteen (18) months; under supervision of a licensed dentist/instructor in implantology. These implants shall be of different complexity with a variety of single (anterior and posterior, upper and lower jaws), multiple implants in a single jaw (unilateral and bilateral, upper and lower jaws), full arch and full mouth restorations. The number of implants placed, restored and presented shall not be less than thirty (30).

## 7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 7.1. Application requirements for Dental Implantology Privileges.
- 7.1.1. Dataflow shall verify the training course certificate. If the logbook is from outside DHA jurisdiction, a valid license must also be verified.
- 7.1.2. Pass the required Computer Based Testing (CBT) assessment<sup>1</sup>
- 7.1.3. Apply via the online licensing system (Sheryan) for the service Add/Upgrade Professional Registration.

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<sup>1</sup> Prometric

- 7.1.4. Add New Position<sup>2</sup>
- 7.1.5. Link the CBT and the verification results in the application.
- 7.1.6. Upload the following documents:
- DHA Good Standing Certificate (not older than 6 months)
  - Logbook showing evidence of implant cases countersigned by supervisor or academic tutor(s)<sup>3</sup>.
  - Any additional documentation requested by HRS.
- 7.1.7. Upon receipt of a complete application, HRS will verify the accuracy of the documents provided.
- 7.1.8. If the application is approved, the registration will be updated with the new position, which is valid for a period of one (1) year. During this period, a health facility may apply to activate the position on their DHA license for the healthcare professional to practice Dental Implantology.
- 7.2. Renewal of Implantology Privilege on an active license shall meet the following:
- 7.2.1. Evidence of Dental Implantology related CPD as part of the annual forty (40) CPD hours required per annum.

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<sup>2</sup> Category-Dentist; Title-Privilege; Specialty-Implantology

<sup>3</sup> If the logbook is from outside DHA jurisdiction, a valid license and good standing certificate must be provided.

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