

### JOB OF THE WEEK

### What is it?



**Dentist** - A dentist is a healthcare provider who diagnoses and treats oral health conditions. Taking good care of your teeth and gums can help you reduce your risk for other serious health conditions, like heart disease and stroke. You should visit a dentist regularly for routine exams and cleanings.

### Day to day tasks

A dentist on a day to day task will be required to:

- lead a dental team to diagnose and treat dental problems
- see patients for routine check ups
- perform treatments like fillings, extractions and fitting dentures and bridges
- whiten teeth
- take X-rays and give local anaesthetics
- refer patients to a dental hygienist or dental therapist



### Qualifications

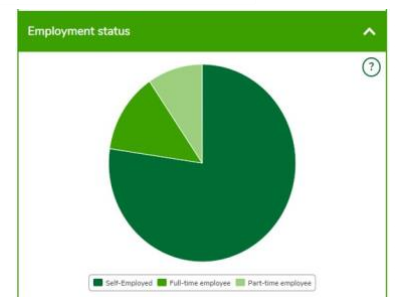
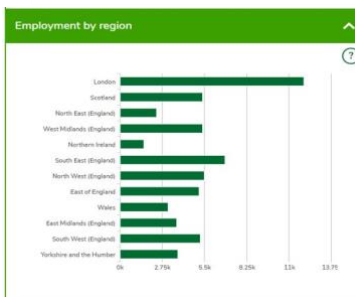
To qualify as a dentist, you need to complete a dental course, which usually lasts five years and leads to a bachelor's degree.

### Salary

Salaries will vary depending on experience. According to National Careers Service, the average salary for a dentist is £54,000 although this could significantly rise.



### Jobs and labour market



### Routes into the industry

A standard undergraduate degree will take 5 years, but other routes can take 6 years. After graduating, you can register with the General Dental Council. After registration, you're officially a dentist. Instead of a 5-year course, you could do a 4-year graduate-entry course.