



## Annex - Minimum Requirements for Dental Implantology Privileges

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## Annex

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#### 2. Definitions and Abbreviations

No.	Term / Abbreviation	Definition
2.1	Dental implant	Dental implants are medical devices that are surgically placed into the jawbone to aid in restoring an individual's chewing ability or appearance. They act as a support for artificial teeth like crowns, bridges, or dentures (FDA, 2012) <sup>1</sup> .
2.2	Dental implantology	a branch of dental practice focused on restoring and maintaining a patient's oral function, appearance, and health by placing endosseous dental implants and related fixed or removable prosthetic components through a series of surgical and prosthetic procedures (adapted from RCDSO <sup>2</sup> ).
2.3	DoH Permission	A licensing process by DoH, to authorize healthcare professionals to expand their practice beyond their standard scope of practice. The decision is made after checking that they meet a set of requirements, verifying their qualifications and assessing their competencies.

#### 3. Requirements

##### 3.1. Dental Implantology Care Requirements

**3.1.1.** Clinical cases eligible for dental implant vary widely in complexity. The level of complexity may broadly be divided into two levels:

**3.1.1.1** Cases involving the straightforward placement and/or restoration of dental implants.

**3.1.1.2.** Cases involving the complex placement and/or restoration of dental implants

**Note:** This standard endorses the definitions and criteria for 'straightforward' and 'complex' dental implant cases as outlined in the UK College of General Dentistry's (2016)

<sup>1</sup> FDA (2021), Dental Implants: What You Should Know; available online at: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/dental-devices/dental-implants-what-you-should-know>

<sup>2</sup> RCDSO-The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (2013), Educational Requirements & Professional Responsibilities for Implant Dentistry; available online at: [https://cdn.agilitycms.com/rcdso/pdf/guidelines/RCDSO\\_Guidelines\\_Implant\\_Dentistry.pdf](https://cdn.agilitycms.com/rcdso/pdf/guidelines/RCDSO_Guidelines_Implant_Dentistry.pdf)

'Training Standards in Implant Dentistry for General Dental Practitioners.'<sup>3</sup>

**3.1.2.** Patients seeking dental implant treatment should undergo a thorough evaluation and detailed treatment planning. This process should include taking a general health history, conducting an oral and dental examination, and developing a detailed surgical and restorative treatment plan that includes the maintenance phase.

**3.1.3.** Patients have the right to receive a detailed explanation of all reasonable and clinically appropriate treatment options, including non-implant alternatives where applicable, to make an informed decision. This explanation should cover the nature of each treatment, its advantages and disadvantages, duration, associated risks, costs, type of restoration, and likely prognosis. Patients should confirm that the explanation was sufficient and that they understood it before providing their written informed consent for the chosen treatment.

**3.1.4.** The dental implant treatment should commence only after all sources of intraoral inflammation and infection have been eliminated.

**3.1.5.** The dental implant procedures must be performed to an acceptable standard of care

### **3.2. Implantology care team**

**3.2.1.** A multidisciplinary care approach is essential for cases with multiple oral care needs. Each aspect of care should be provided by appropriately trained professionals who are practicing within their scope of practice, and specified privileges. The role of each team member must be clearly outlined and documented.

**3.2.2.** All members of the multidisciplinary team share responsibility of the case outcome.

**3.2.3.** Complex dental implant surgeries should only be performed by Oral Surgeons, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and Periodontists in alignment with their respective scope of practice.

**3.2.4.** Complex dental implant restorative procedures, such as full mouth rehabilitation that includes occlusal modification, changes to the vertical dimension, and adjustments to the position of teeth and jaw relationships, must be performed by prosthodontists only.

**3.2.5.** Dentists should refer patients whose dental implant treatment requires interventions that are beyond their scope of practice, experience or training, and those cases that necessitate a different practice setting for better outcomes of care.

### **3.3. DoH Requirements for Dentists to Practice Dental Implantology**

Specialist and General Dentists who wish to practice dental implantology must:

**3.3.1.** Acquire the relevant medical knowledge, and the clinical skills and the experience

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<sup>3</sup> College of General Dentistry (2016), Training Standards in Implant Dentistry; available online at: <https://cgdent.uk/standards-guidance/>

required to deliver quality and safe practice (see table 1).

**3.3.2. Obtain DoH implantology permission\* to expand their practice by:**

**3.3.2.1** Submitting a request to DoH through the [TAMM portal](#) under professional title requests

**3.3.2.2.** Passing the DoH implantology assessment. (See Appendix (1) and Appendix (2) for the process workflow)

**\*Note:** Prosthodontists are exempted from obtaining DoH implantology permission if they choose to practice the prosthetic component of the dental implant only (i.e., they should request these privileges from their facility).

**3.3.3.** Dentists permitted by DoH to practice dental implantology must request from the healthcare facility privileging committee the privilege to provide dental procedures, including those related to dental implantology. Refer to [DoH Standard for Clinical Privileging of Healthcare Workforce and Clinical Services](#).

**3.3.4.** The healthcare facility Clinical Privileging Committee must grant dentists the privilege to perform dental implantology through a detailed list of individual procedures. This decision should be based on predefined criteria, considering the following factors:

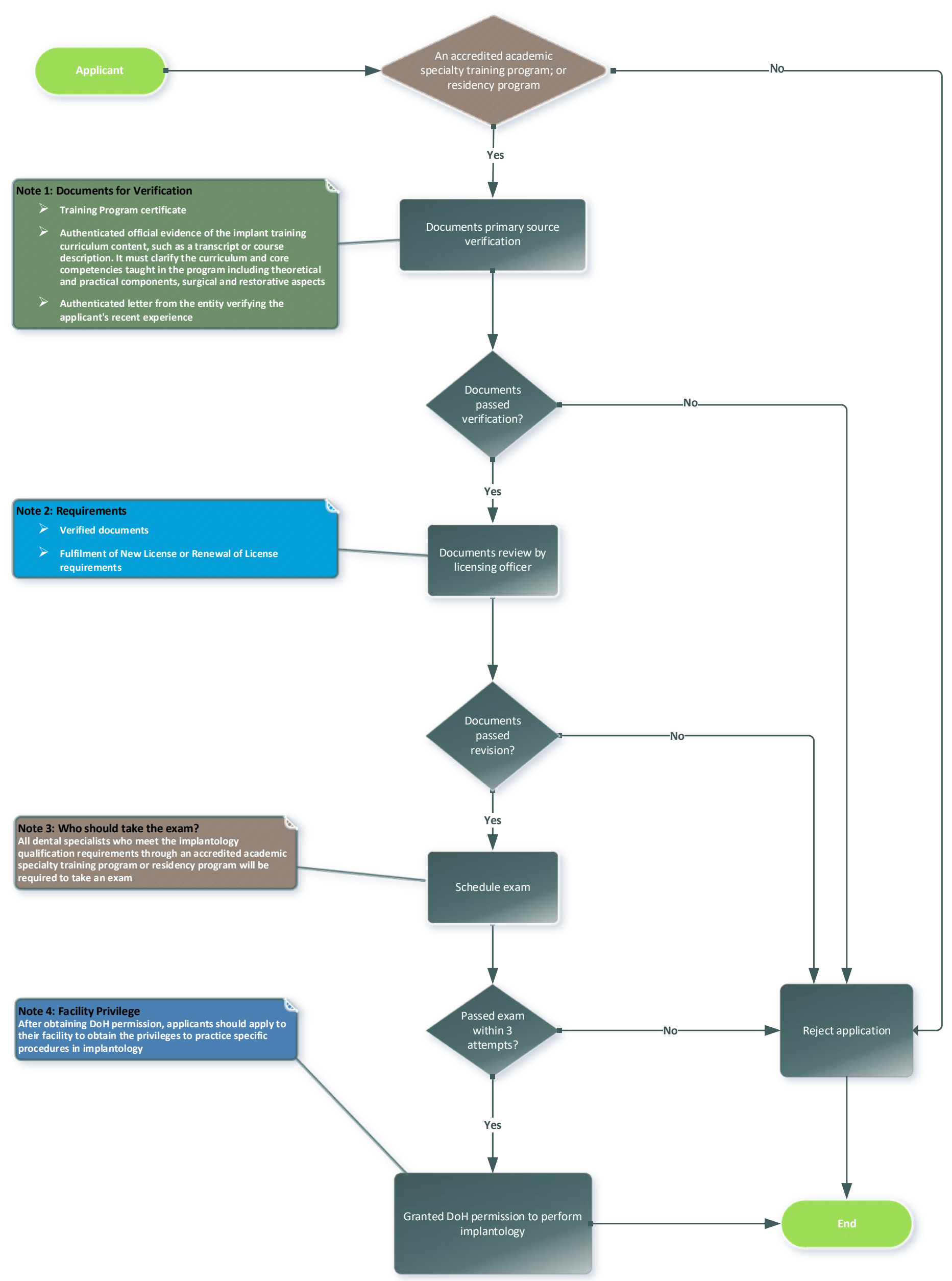
- I. Length of dental implantology training,
- II. Previous experience,
- III. Number of treated cases,
- IV. Level of complexity of the treated cases,
- V. Proof of competency,
- VI. Facility resources, and
- VII. The availability of a multidisciplinary team.

**Table (1): DoH Permission Requirements to Include Implantology in the Scope of Practice**

	Either of the following two tracks	
Qualification	Successful completion of an accredited post graduate clinical training program in dental implantology*	Or Successful completion of an academic dental Specialty Training Program or Residency Program that includes at least 2 modules in dental implantology†
Training program Accreditation	<p>Either:</p> <p><b>Accreditation from UAE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Academic programs: Ministry of Education/Ministry of Higher Education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Dental/Clinical programs in approved practice settings: National Institute of Health Specialties (NIHS)</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Accreditation from outside UAE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Academic programs: Ministry of Education/Ministry of Higher Education in the country where the training program was delivered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Dental/Clinical programs: Medical Education Accrediting body</p>	
Recent experience	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant must have performed implantology procedures in the last 36 months, either during or after completing the training program	
Documents for Verification	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Training Program certificate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Authenticated official evidence of the implant training curriculum content, such as a transcript or course description†</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Authenticated letter from the entity verifying the applicant's recent experience</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fulfilment of New License or Renewal of License requirements‡</p>	
Verification	<input type="checkbox"/> Data flow report for the submitted documents	
DoH Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> An exam	
Notes	<p>* <b>Note 1:</b> CME is not acceptable as a replacement of the postgraduate program even if the CME hours are accredited.</p> <p>† <b>Note 2:</b> It must clarify the curriculum and core competencies taught in the program including theoretical and practical components, surgical and restorative aspects.</p> <p>‡ <b>Note 3:</b> For General Dentists a minimum of three (3)-year experience post the internship will be required to be eligible to apply for DoH permission</p>	



Appendix (1): Process for obtaining DoH permission to practice implantology for dentists who have achieved the necessary competencies through an accredited academic specialty training program or residency program



Appendix (2): Process for obtaining DoH permission to practice implantology for dentists who have achieved the necessary competencies through an accredited post graduate clinical training program

