

Provisions on Limited Registration and Special Registration and Workflow on Submission and Processing Applications

The Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 was passed by the Legislative Council on 10 July 2024. Starting from 1 January 2025, new pathways have been introduced under the Dentists Registration Ordinance (“DRO”) (Cap. 156) to admit qualified non-locally trained dentists to practise dentistry in Hong Kong with limited registration and special registration in specified institutions under Schedules 4 and 5 respectively. The specified institutions are Department of Health, Hospital Authority, the University of Hong Kong and the Prince Philip Dental Hospital.

The Secretary for Health has made the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 4 and 5) Notice 2025 which was published in the Gazette on 21 February 2025 to add 35 organisations (comprising 34 non-governmental organisations participating in designated publicly-funded dental programmes and 1 training institution for dental care professionals) to Schedules 4 and 5 to the DRO. This enables the organisations to admit qualified non-locally trained dentists through the pathways of limited registration and special registration as and when necessary.

To facilitate specified institutions to submit applications on behalf of their employees for limited registration and special registration, relevant provisions and the submission and processing workflow can be accessed through the links below for ease of reference.

[Limited Registration](#)

[Special Registration](#)

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