

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO MASTER OF DENTAL SURGERY (MDS) RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Application Submission Requirements

Step 1: To submit the required documents listed below:

- 1) **Curriculum Vitae including Recent Photograph**
- 2) **Goal Statement (Optional)**
- 3) **Bachelor of Dental Surgery Certificate (Certified True Copy)**
- 4) **Bachelor of Dental Surgery Transcript**
- 5) **Additional Certificates (if any)**
- 6) **Proof of Employment**
- 7) **TOEFL scores/IELTS result**
- 8) **Proof of Financial Support**
- 9) **Front and Back of NRIC / Passport Copy (Certified True Copy)**

Please read the following thoroughly and ensure timely submission of the documents listed below –

On-Line Application

Completed and signed Application form generated from the Graduate Admission System (GDA) online application portal and scanned certified true copies (by the issuing institution or organisation) of supporting documents to be submitted via the GDA Application portal at <https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/apply>.

The application form must be completed in English; and the supporting documents (e.g. dental degree certificates), if not in English, must be accompanied by copies of certified English translations.

Signed application form and all supporting documents should be submitted online through the Graduate Admission System online application portal, by **15 October 2026**. We regret that incomplete applications as well as application forms submitted after the closing date will not be considered. Please note that shortlisted applicants will be notified and required to attend an in-person admissions interview and/or sit for a practical test in February/March.

Curriculum Vitae

Recent photograph to be included in your CV.

Goal Statement (Optional)

You may indicate on what you intend to achieve from the programme, and how it may support your career pathway and any other additional points you consider relevant to your Goal Statement.

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Certificate

Certified copy of Graduate Certificate of Dental Degree *[with English Translation, if applicable]*

Transcripts

An official transcript of academic records is required from each university attended. You are responsible for requesting your transcript from the university concerned. Please use the attached transcript request form for this purpose. If you have attended more than one university, you should make photocopies of the transcript request form as required.

Please complete the relevant section of the *Transcript Request Form* and forward it to the Registrar (or relevant person-in-charge) of the University from which you are requesting your transcript.

Graduates from the National University of Singapore can apply for their transcripts online at the Office of University Registrar's website at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/student-records/transcripts>.

Digital copy of the official transcripts to be sent via email directly by the University to Ms Ally Chan at allychan@nus.edu.sg

Proof of Employment

Applicants are required to provide a letter of employment issued by the organisation showing proof of at least two years of full-time clinical practice after graduation. The letter should state the duration of the employment, including the start date and end dates.

Applicants should have a **minimum of two years' post-BDS or post-DDS** experience before applying. For example, if an applicant graduates in June 2026 with a BDS or DDS degree, the applicant will only be eligible to apply for the MDS programmes from September 2027 for consideration for admission to NUS at the start of the academic year in July 2028.

TOEFL scores/IELTS result

Applicants to note:

- (i) Complete the TOEFL or IELTS if your native tongue or the medium of undergraduate instruction is not English.
- (ii) Submit TOEFL/IELTS scoresheets certified by their universities with an original stamp through the Graduate Admission System online application portal.
- (iii) Quote the Faculty of Dentistry's TOEFL institution code **9083** when requesting the ETS to send the TOEFL score sheets to the Faculty of Dentistry Graduate Studies, NUS.
- (iv) Test scores for the TOEFL and IELTS are valid for two years from the test date.

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Proof of Financial Support

Self-Financed Applicants should upload documentary evidence of financial support, such as a bank statement or a copy of a recent payslip.

Sponsored Applicants should upload a letter of confirmation from their sponsor or documentary evidence of a scholarship or other award obtained.

It is mandatory for overseas applicants to submit documentary evidence of financial support in the form of a bank statement or documentary evidence of scholarship or other award obtained. If you will be supported by a sponsor, you must also provide a letter of confirmation from your sponsor together with a bank statement. The financial statement should show **at least S\$15,000 per year for living expenses, in addition to tuition and miscellaneous student fees** for the duration of the Programme.

Front and Back of NRIC / Passport Copy

A copy of NRIC for Singapore citizens/PR or a copy of the Passport page for International applicants.

Academic Referee Report

Recommendations from **three** academic referees who are dentists are required for each application. For overseas graduates, one of the academic referees must be from the Dean of the institute where the basic dental degree was conferred.

Referees are required to upload their reports online via the Graduate Admission System (GDA) online application portal. The deadline for referees to submit their report is within 14 days from the day of assigning them as a referee. As the closing date is 15 October 2026, the last date to assign referees on GDA is 1 October 2026. To duly inform all referees that their reports must be submitted by 15 October 2026.

For further enquiries or clarifications, please contact:

Officer in Charge (MDS Admissions)

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