



Australian Government

HLT45021 Certificate IV in Dental Assisting

Release 2

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Minor corrections to formatting to improve readability. Equivalent outcomes.
Release 1	HLT45021 Certificate IV in Dental Assisting supersedes and is not equivalent to HLT45015 Certificate IV in Dental Assisting.

Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of workers who provide an advanced level of assistance to dental practitioners which contributes to the quality of oral health care.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

Dental radiography work must only be performed by a person with a radiation user licence granted by the relevant State /Territory regulatory authority under legislation.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

Entry to this qualification is open to individuals who have achieved:

- HLT31812 Certificate III in Dental Assisting or
- HLT35015 Certificate III in Dental Assisting or
- HLT35021 Certificate III in Dental Assisting or
- equivalent.

Packaging Rules

8 Units must be completed:

- 2 core units
 - 6 elective units, consisting of:
 - at least 4 units from the electives listed below.
 - up to 2 units from the electives listed below or any other endorsed Training Package or accredited course.
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Any combination of electives that meets the rules above can be selected for the award of the *Certificate IV in Dental Assisting*. Electives may be packaged to provide a Qualification with a specialisation, as outlined below.

Packaging for specialisation:

- All Group A electives must be selected for award of the *Certificate IV in Dental Assisting (Dental Radiography)*.

All electives chosen must contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

Note: Units marked with an asterisk * include one or more prerequisite units of competency. Refer to unit of competency for prerequisite requirements

Core units

Unit code	Unit title
HLTSTE003	Sterilise loads
HLTWHS003	Maintain work health and safety

Elective units

Group A electives: DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY specialisation (3 units)

Unit code	Unit title
HLTDEN021	Apply the principles of radiation biology and protection in dental practice
HLTDEN022	Prepare to expose a prescribed dental radiographic image
HLTDEN023	Produce a prescribed dental radiographic image

Other Electives

Unit code	Unit title
BSBOPS401	Coordinate business resources
BSBMED301	Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately
BSBMED401	Manage patient recordkeeping system
CHCCCS014	Provide brief interventions
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCEDU001	Provide community focused health promotion and prevention

	strategies
HLTCCD003	Use medical terminology in health care
HLTDEN018 *	Implement an individualised oral hygiene program
HLTDEN019 *	Assist in dental procedures during general anaesthesia
HLTDEN020	Assist in dental procedures during conscious sedation
HLTDEN024	Implement an oral hygiene program for older people
HLTDEN025	Implement an oral health promotion program
HLTDEN026	Take an impression for study models
HLTDEN027	Take a clinical photograph
HLTDEN029 *	Assist in dental procedures during relative analgesia
HLTDET001	Construct models
HLTDET002	Construct custom impression trays
HLTDET003	Construct registration rims
HLTDET005	Construct thermoformed bases and appliances
HLTOHC007	Recognise and respond to oral health issues
HLTOHC008	Inform and support patients and groups about oral health
HLTOHC009	Apply and use basic oral health products
HLTOHC011	Apply fluoride varnish
HLTSTE004	Manage sterile stock
SIRXMGT001	Supervise and support frontline team members
TLIP5037	Develop workplace policy and procedures

Qualification Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>
