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A dentist is a trained oral-health specialist who diagnoses and treats diseases of the teeth, gums and mouth. The path is to clear NEET and complete a BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery).



Scan for everything on this career

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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (PCB) + NEET + BDS
Course duration	BDS: 5 years (incl. internship)
Avg. salary	₹25,000–₹1,00,000+/month
Work mode	Clinic/hospital, in-person

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Helping others and healthcare
- Comfortably talking to all kinds of people
- Precise, hands-on work

ABILITIES

- Steady hands and fine motor skills
- Good communication and reassuring patients
- Carefulness and an organised approach

KEY SKILLS

- Oral-health diagnosis and treatment
- Understanding of anatomy and pharmacology
- Patient counselling and preventive care
- Clinic/team management
- Dental procedures (fillings, root canal, extractions)
- Using dental instruments and X-rays
- Infection control and hygiene

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete 10+2 in Science (PCB).
- 2 Clear the NEET (UG) exam.
- 3 Complete BDS (5 years, including internship).
- 4 Register with the State/Indian Dental Council.
- 5 Begin practice at a hospital/clinic.
- 6 Advance with an MDS specialisation (e.g., orthodontics).

MAIN EXAMS

- NEET (UG) – mandatory national exam for BDS admission.
- NEET (MDS) – for postgraduate specialisation.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Government Dental College & Hospital — Jaipur
- AIIMS – Dental — New Delhi / Jodhpur (<https://www.aiims.edu>)
- RUHS / RNT Medical College — Jaipur / Udaipur (<https://www.ruhsraj.org>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Vyas Dental College & Hospital — Jodhpur
- Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences — New Delhi
- Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences — Bhubaneswar

ONLINE

- IGNOU (distance – allied programmes) — Online/Distance (<https://www.ignou.ac.in>)
- Udemy – Dentistry (supplementary) — Online (<https://www.udemy.com>)

FEES

BDS fees are about ₹14,000–₹50,000/year at government colleges and up to ₹2,00,000–₹4,50,000/year at private ones.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Rajasthan SSO / Mukhyamantri Uchch Shiksha Chhatravriti (<https://sso.rajasthan.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Government and private hospitals, dental clinics, nursing homes, colleges/universities, and one's own clinic.

WORK CULTURE

Hands-on, in-person work with team management. Around 6–7 days a week, 9–10 hours possible. Private practice is popular. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Government hospitals and community health centres | • Private dental clinics and chains |
| • Multi-speciality hospitals | • Dental colleges (teaching/research) |
| • Dental product/equipment companies | • Own clinic (private practice) |

DEMAND (2026)

Awareness of oral health and demand for cosmetic dentistry are growing. Cities are competitive, but rural and semi-urban areas offer good opportunities.

7 Career growth

- 1 Intern
- 2 Junior Dentist
- 3 Dentist / Dental Surgeon
- 4 Specialist / HOD / Clinic Owner

EARNINGS

Starting	₹25,000/माह
Mid level	₹50,000/माह
Senior level	₹1,00,000+/माह

Income depends heavily on specialisation (MDS), location and private practice. An established clinic can earn much more.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- A respected, stable medical profession.
- Potential for high income from private practice.
- Direct contribution to people's health.

The challenges

- Long, costly study and tough NEET competition.
- Large investment to set up a clinic.
- Competition from a surplus of dentists in cities.

9 Real-life journeys

Sonali Randhawa

Dentist by training; Research Associate, Health Systems Governance

A trained dentist who moved into health policy and writes on reforming India's dental sector.

The Wire Science · <https://science.thewire.in/health/indian-dentistry-is-in-crisis-the-new-dental-commission-bill-should-step-up/>

Dr. Mahesh Verma

Prosthodontist; Padma Shri, former Director-Principal, MAIDS

A BDS/MDS prosthodontist who built MAIDS into India's top dental school; awarded the Padma Shri and Dr. B.C. Roy Award.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahesh_Verma

Dr. Vimla Sud

Pediatric dentist; first female dentist of undivided India

The only woman among 30 students in a 1944 Lahore dental class; after Partition she served rural patients via mobile dental vans.

Medical Dialogues · <https://medicaldialogues.in/news/health/doctors/first-female-dentist-of-undivided-india-dr-vimla-sud-no-more-80403>

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2. NEET (National Testing Agency) — <https://neet.nta.nic.in>
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4. PayScale – Dentist (India) — <https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Job=Dentist/Salary>



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