

3.2. Child eligibility criteria

For children to be eligible for free public oral health services they must:

- Be Queensland residents or attend a Queensland school; and,
- Be eligible for Medicare²; and,
- Meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - be aged four years or older and have not completed Year 10; or,
 - be eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule; or,
 - hold, or be listed as a dependent on, a valid Centrelink concession card.

For children eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, benefits will be assigned under bulk billing arrangements to the relevant Hospital and Health Service.

Children that reside in states or territories other than Queensland but attend a Queensland school and meet the other criteria listed above, are eligible for free public oral health services.

All other children from interstate who are eligible for Medicare and meet the other criteria are eligible for emergency care only.

3.3. Additional eligibility criteria

3.3.1. Public dental specialist services

Dental specialist services can only be accessed by referral from dental, allied health or medical practitioners.

Availability of dental specialist services varies between locations and HHS oral health services.

To be eligible for public dental specialist services:

- Adults must meet the eligibility criteria for free public oral health services.
- Children must:
 - Meet the eligibility criteria for free public oral health services; and
 - Hold, or be listed as a dependent on, a valid Centrelink concession card.

For some specialist services, such as orthodontics, additional clinical criteria may also be applied by public dental specialists to determine eligibility.

²Eligibility for Medicare includes holders of green or blue Medicare cards but excludes yellow Medicare cards which are issued to visitors from countries with reciprocal health care agreements.