

JOB ROLE

DENTAL ASSISTANT

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +14.27%
- From 27,462 in 2024 to 31,382 in 2029

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Infection Control
- Patient Preparation
- Dental Surgery
- Working with Children
- Medical Devices

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Detail Orientated
- Customer Service
- Organisational Skills
- Administrative Functions

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Practice Management Software
- Microsoft 365 App Suite

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Public Administration & Safety
- Education & Training

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- BUPA
- State of South Australia
- Maven Dental Group
- Lumley Dental
- Abano Healthcare



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dentist
- Medical Technicians



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35021)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Upcoming events include:

- Australian Dental Industry Association
Various Webinar's & Online Forums
Further information on the [Associations website](#)

Follow these organisations on social media:

- The Australian Dental Association South Australia
- Australian Dental Association

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website



CAREER SUPPORT

Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- career planning
- write a winning resume
- how to respond to selection criteria
- cover letters that stand out
- preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: [Career Support \(tafesa.edu.au\)](https://www.tafesa.edu.au/career-support)

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