

University Intake Targets for Dentistry AY 2025-26



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Summary:	Announcement of university intake targets in the controlled subject of Dentistry for Academic Year (AY) 2025-26.
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Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the university intake targets in the controlled subject of Dentistry for Academic Year (AY) 2025-26.

Background

2. SFC receives annual guidance from the Chief Dental Officer (CDO) and Dentistry Division, providing recommended intakes for dental schools in Scotland. This letter of guidance for AY 2025-26, dated 8 May 2025, is provided in [Annex A](#).

Intake targets

3. The guidance received from the CDO recommends that, reflecting the Scottish Government's Operational Improvement Plan published on 31 March 2025, intake targets should be increased by 17 on last year's target.
4. In line with this guidance, the overall university intake target for Dentistry for AY 2025-26 is **172 students**; with an intake target for Scottish-domiciled/'home fee', rest of UK (rUK) and Republic of Ireland (RoI) students of 145, and an intake target for international students of 27. This is shown in Table 1 below.
5. For the first time, AY 2025-26 will see all three universities - University of Aberdeen, University of Dundee and University of Glasgow - being allowed to recruit international Dentistry students (see Table 1). International students will be expected to contribute towards Additional Cost of Teaching (Dentistry) via their student fees as previously agreed.

Funded student places

6. The University Final Funding Allocations for AY 2025-26 were [published](#) on 29 May 2025 and set out the funded places for Dentistry, incorporating the intake targets set out in this announcement.

Further information

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Table 1: Intake targets for the Scottish Dental Schools for AY 2025-26

University	Scots-dom/home fee, rUK & RoI intake target	International intake target	Total intake target
Aberdeen, University of	22	1	23
Dundee, University of	51	11	62
Glasgow, University of	72	15	87
Total	145	27	172