

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION for: Overseas Dentists, Specialist Dentists, Dental/Oral Health Therapists & Dental Hygienists.

Overseas Dentists:

To be eligible to join as a volunteer dentist with CHAT, you must be able to register to work as a dentist in Australia, and have unconditional registration. The Australian governing authority is Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Also, you must have professional indemnity insurance to cover you whilst working as a dentist with CHAT in Vietnam.

To find out if your qualification as an overseas dentist allows you to register to work in Australia you need to contact AHPRA - <http://www.ahpra.gov.au> .

If you're **not** able to register to work as a dentist in Australia, you may join CHAT as a "dental assistant". This is on the proviso you have the ability to understand, read, write and speak English to a good standard.

Specialist Dentists:

You are welcome to join CHAT working in Vietnam if you believe you can offer services to support our work. The dental services provided by CHAT to the poor and needy children and their carers are: preventative and restorative/conservative treatments; extractions and minor oral surgery procedures.

The support of your specialist area in educating our team members would be beneficial.

Also, you must have professional indemnity insurance to cover you whilst working as a dentist with CHAT in Vietnam.

Dental/Oral Health Therapists:

We limit the number of dental/oral health therapists to 1 per team.

If more than 1 dental/oral health therapist wants to join the same trip, then agreement would need to be made that only 1 works as a clinician while the other works as a dental assistant. You could rotate this arrangement between each other.

Please tell the CHAT Secretary and your trip Leader your current and regular experience - Do you currently and regularly do the following procedures:

- filling deciduous and permanent teeth
- extraction of deciduous teeth
- giving LA injections
- scale and cleaning
- other treatment/procedures?

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Dental Hygienists:

Dental hygienists are assigned on a CHAT team to teach DHE and assist dentists treating patients.

If a patient needs to have a scale & clean, then you could be delegated to do this. Likewise you may be delegated to give LA to patients (prior to their treatment with the dentist), on the proviso you're trained and recently experienced in doing this.

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