

Dental Services Update November 2022

Dear Member,

The Dental Services Committee is doing exceptional work in identify issues in the *Health Professionals and Medical Salaries (State) Award*.

The Dental Services Committee convened on 18 October 2022. The Committee was split into members classification groups which allowed Dental Assistants, Dental Officers, and Oral Health Therapists to work through their specific issues.

The Committee will map out award issues and continue working on comparing conditions of employment of NSW Dental Services staff to those working interstate. Some of the key issues being explored include:

- Dental Assistants inability to progress despite having Certificate IV qualifications
- Limited career progression and no clear pathway defined in the award for personal regrade
- Allowances including supervisor's allowance
- Registration and CPD costs
- Increased scope of practice

The HSU Dental Services Committee is still looking for expressions of interest to join the Committee. If you are an Oral Health Therapist, Dental Officer, Prosthesis, or Dental Assistant and you're interested in joining, please write to the below email to express your interest.

If you have a collective issue that you'd like the Committee to explore, please contact HSU Industrial Officer Anam Rafi on anam.rafi@hsu.asn.au.

Do you know someone who isn't an HSU member? Encourage them to join our Union today and have a say at work. We are always stronger when we stand together.

New members can join at www.hsu.asn.au/join or call 1300 478 679.