

# Career of the week



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## Orthodontist

### Entry route:

- complete a bachelor's degree in dentistry approved by a relevant professional body
- register with the relevant professional body
- complete postgraduate training at a dental school
- gain experience working in maxillofacial surgery, restorative dentistry, and paediatric dentistry
- complete specialist orthodontic training
- pass an exam to gain a license to practise as an orthodontist

### Character virtues

responsibility, respect, compassion, creativity

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**Dental practitioners salary:**  
UK annual median: £54,496

**Working hours:**  
In general practice you'll usually work between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. You'll occasionally work in the evenings or at weekends, or on an out-of-hours rota.

**UK growth (health professionals) :** +7.2% from 2020 to 2025, creating 118,954 jobs

**West Midlands growth (health professionals):** +5.8% from 2020 to 2025, creating 8,202 jobs

### Key words

consultation, patient, dental, x-rays, impressions, oral hygiene, installing, appliances