

**AFSC 47G4\*, Staff**  
**AFSC 47G3\*, Qualified**  
**AFSC 47G1\*, Entry**

**★DENTIST**  
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**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases, abnormalities, injuries, and dysfunctional disorders of the oral cavity and its associated structures. Administers dental service policy, including establishing and maintaining dental health standards. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260311.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 2.1. Examines, diagnoses and treats disease, abnormalities, injuries and dysfunctional disorders of the oral cavity and its associated structures. Examines patients and interprets radiographs and diagnostic tests to determine type and extent of dental diseases and disabilities or dysfunctions. Evaluates findings and prescribes type, extent, and order of treatment. Refers nondental problems to appropriate medical specialty. Restores health and function of carious, fractured, otherwise defective teeth. Performs routine preventive, periodontal, oral surgery, endodontic, and prosthodontic treatment. Provides consultation services.
- 2.2. Directs dental activities. Formulates and implements procedures for operation of base dental service. Determines requirements for material, equipment, facilities, and personnel to accomplish mission of unit. Coordinates dental activities with medical service. Instructs dental officers and technical assistant in professional and administrative functions of dental service.
- 2.3. Performs comprehensive dental functions. Performs complex dental treatment procedures in the absence of specialist. May serve as training director or instructor for general dentistry residency programs.
- 2.4. Manages and administers dental service policies and programs. Drafts policies covering dental health standards. Provides guidance for the implementation of comprehensive programs to continuously improve prevention and treatment of dental disease to ensure maximum personnel wartime readiness and combat capability. Determines resource requirements for dental clinics and laboratories.

**3. ★Specialty Qualifications:**

- 3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education and training requirement satisfy this requirement.
- 3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an American Dental Association accredited college or university is mandatory.
- 3.3. Training. The following training is mandatory as indicated:
  - 3.3.1. For award of AFSC 47G3, fulfillment of the education requirement satisfies this requirement.
  - 3.3.2. For award of AFSC 47G3A, completion of a minimum of a 2-year residency in general dentistry, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.3.3. For award of AFSC 47G3B, completion of the USAF Advanced Clinical Dentistry Program.
  - 3.3.4. For award of AFSC 47G3C, completion of the USAF Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program or equivalent acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.3.5. For award of AFSC 47G3D, completion of a 2-year residency in dental public health.
  - 3.3.6. For award of AFSC 47G3E, completion of a dental materials residency or fellowship, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.3.7. For award of AFSC 47G3F, completion of an oral and maxillofacial radiology residency or fellowship, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.3.8. For award of AFSC 47G3G, completion of a temporomandibular disorders residency or fellowship, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.3.9. For award of AFSC 47G3H, completion of a hospital dentistry residency or fellowship, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
- 3.4. Experience. Not used.
- 3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:
  - 3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSCs 47G1X, current enrollment in a residency program related to the suffix acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.
  - 3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47G3X/4X:
    - 3.5.2.1 ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, *Medical Quality Operations* (or be immediately eligible for privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).
    - 3.5.2.2. ★A state license to practice dentistry IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, or
      - 3.5.2.2.1. Must be fully qualified, have passed Part I and II of the National Board, passed regional/state licensure exam, and have/applied for license (ready to work), or
      - 3.5.2.2.2. HPSP/FAP officers must have passed Part I and Part II of the National Board, have taken a regional/state licensure exam prior to entering active duty, and
      - 3.5.2.2.3. License must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at first permanent duty station.
      - 3.5.2.2.4. Residents have 18 months to obtain licensure.

3.5.3. ★ For retention of AFSCs 47G3X/4X, must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119.

**4. \*Specialty Shredouts:**

*Prefix      Portion of AFS to Which Related*

A	Comprehensive
B	Advanced Clinical
C	General Clinical
D	Public Health
E	Dental Materials Science
F	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
G	Temporomandibular Disorders
H	Hospital Dentistry