

AFSC 47B4 Staff  
 AFSC 47B3 Qualified  
 AFSC 47B1 Entry

**★ORTHODONTIST**  
**(Changed 31 Oct 23)**

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, diagnoses, and treats irregularities and malocclusions of teeth and malrelations of jaws. Directs orthodontic service. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260305.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats irregularities, and malocclusion of teeth and malrelation of jaws. Examines patients and interprets and evaluates radiographs, models, and clinical photographs to determine nature and extent of deficiencies caused by irregularly positioned teeth and malrelations of the jaws. Evaluates findings and determines types of appliances to move and guide teeth and jaws into proper positions and relationships. Provides consultation services.

2.2. Directs orthodontic service. Formulates and implements procedures for operation of orthodontic service. Determines equipment, material, and personnel required for performance of treatment and construction of corrective appliances. Coordinates orthodontic service with other dental and medical services. Prepares diagnostic and treatment records. Instructs dental officers and technical assistants in orthodontic procedures and techniques.

**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. For award of AFSC 47B3, completion of a residency in orthodontics, acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.4. Experience. Not used.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:

3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSCs 47B1, current enrollment in a orthodontics residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47B3/4:

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 47B3/4, 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.