

AFSC 47S4\*, Staff  
 AFSC 47S3\*, Qualified  
 AFSC 47S1\*, Entry

**★ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEON**  
 (Changed 31 Oct 23)

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, diagnoses, and treats by surgical means abnormalities of oral and maxillofacial structures. Directs oral and maxillofacial surgery service. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260304.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats by surgical means abnormalities and injuries of oral and maxillofacial structures. Examines patients and interprets and evaluates radiographs of facial structures to determine nature and extent of abnormalities and injuries of jaws and adjacent bones and tissues. Prescribes and performs type of surgery and fixation required in treatment. Administers or supervises the administration of general anesthetics. Performs oral surgical operations to remove infected, impacted, or malposed teeth, to prepare jaws for prosthodontic appliances, and to remove abnormal growths, cysts, and foreign bodies from jaws and oral structures. Applies fixation apparatus for fractures of jaws and adjacent bones. Prescribes preoperative and postoperative care. Prepares diagnostic and treatment records. Provides consultation services.

2.2. Directs oral surgical service. Formulates and implements procedures governing administration of oral surgical service. Plans and schedules cases and assigns oral surgeons and technical assistants required to perform surgical treatment. Determines material and equipment requirements for operation of oral surgery service. Coordinates with other dental and medical services. Instructs dental officers and technical assistants in oral surgical procedures and techniques.

**3. ★Specialty Qualifications:**

3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of the education and training requirements 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 47S3, completion of a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery, 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 47S1X, current enrollment in an oral and maxillofacial or a suffix related residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 47S3X/4X:

3.5.2.1. For award of AFSC 47S3X, completion of an additional residency or fellowship program related to the suffix and acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.5.2.2. ★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).

3.5.2.3. ★A state license to practice dentistry IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, or

3.5.2.3.1. 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

3.5.2.3.2. 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

3.5.2.3.3. License must be obtained within 365 days of arrival at first permanent duty station.

3.5.2.3.4. Residents have 18 months to obtain licensure.

3.5.3. ★For retention of AFSCs 47S3X/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:**

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Portion of AFS to Which Related</i>
A	Temporomandibular Joint
B	Facial Esthetics
C	Maxillofacial Reconstruction