

Private Fees

As a guide, the costs of some common private treatments are given below. You will be given a full estimate and treatment plan after examination and will be advised of any proposed changes during a course of treatment. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff or your dentist.

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Examination, Diagnosis and Treatment Plan	
Prescription	
Dental Hygiene	
Hygienist - per visit	
Dentist - per visit	
Advance Gum Treatment - per visit	
X-rays	
Small	
Large (OPG)	
Restorations	
White (composite resin)	
Silver (amalgam)	
Extraction	
Routine Extraction	
Surgical Extraction	
Dentures	
Acrylic-based Dentures	
Metal-based Dentures	
Root Canal Treatment (dependent on tooth type)	
Crowns	
Core / Post Preparation	
Crown	

Practice Name, Practice Address • Issue Date

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Promoting transparency and enhancing public confidence in the dental profession

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1. The Dental Council requires dentists in general practice to display the following fees. This is the minimum range of fees that must be displayed. Dentists may display a wider range of fees if they wish. The fees displayed must be accurate, transparent and inclusive of all costs.

A **Dentists must display a single fee only for the following treatments**

- Examination, Diagnosis and Treatment Plan
- Hygiene Treatment (Hygienist) - per visit
- Hygiene Treatment (Dentist) - per visit
- X-rays - Small
- X-rays - Large (OPG)
- Prescription

B **Dentists must display fees for the following treatments and these may be displayed in the form of a range of fees. If displaying a range of fees both the minimum and maximum fee must be shown. It is not permitted to set a minimum price only for any treatment.**

- Advanced Gum Treatment
- Restorations - White (composite resin)
- Restorations - Silver (amalgam)
- Acrylic-based Dentures
- Metal-based Dentures
- Root Canal Treatment
- Routine Extraction
- Surgical Extraction
- Core/Post Preparation
- Crowns

2. The fee notice must be at least A4 size (29.7 x 21cm or 11.7 x 8.3 in) and be legible, accurate and up-to-date. A sample notice is included in Appendix 1.

3. The fees must be prominently displayed in the practice and must be situated in a place where the patient could reasonably be expected to see the list **before** the consultation. It is recommended that the fee notice be displayed at any of the following locations:

- entrance to the practice
- reception area(s)
- waiting room(s).

Dentists with websites must display fees in a format similar to Appendix 1.

4. For all other treatments dentists should provide an estimate of the cost of that treatment and obtain patient agreement and consent before treatment commences. If, in the course of treatment, the estimate has to be revised a full explanation should be given at the first opportunity. In the event of complex and/or costly procedures a written treatment plan and estimate of cost should be furnished to the patient.

5. Fee notices shall be displayed from 1 June 2011.

It is a requirement of the Professional Behaviour and Dental Ethics Guidelines to display prices. Failure to observe this Code of Practice may lead to Fitness to Practice proceedings being taken under the Dentists Act, 1985.