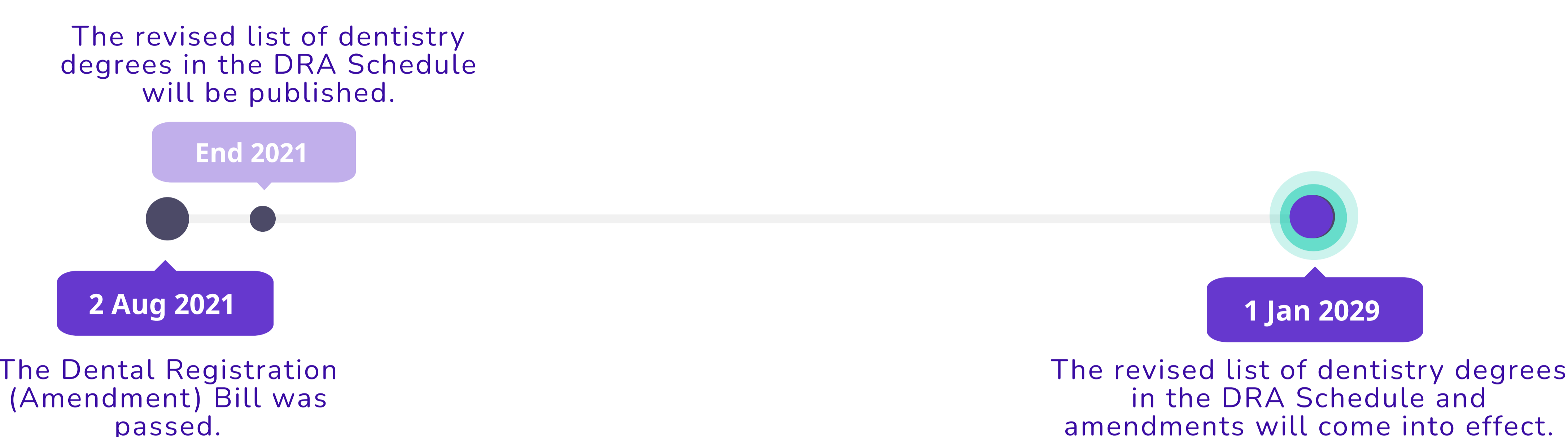


# Amendments to the Dental Registration Act (DRA)

The Dental Registration (Amendment) Bill was passed on 2 August 2021. The amendments aim to ensure that the quality and competencies of foreign-trained dental graduates who are eligible to register and practise in Singapore remain high to meet the dental care needs of our Singaporeans. Find out how these changes would affect dental students (in-flight and prospective) and experienced dentists.

## Timeline & Key Changes



## Key Changes for Foreign-trained Dental Graduates

	Current DRA	Amended DRA on 1 Jan 2029
<b>Qualification listed in DRA Schedule</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be employed with local dental clinic / healthcare institution</li> <li>No need to sit for Qualifying Examination (QE)</li> <li>Must meet prevailing requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatically eligible to sit for QE</li> <li>Must pass QE</li> <li>Must meet prevailing requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Qualification not listed in DRA Schedule</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require approval to sit for QE</li> <li>Assessed if he/she has the skills, knowledge and experience to practise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require approval to sit for QE</li> <li>Must pass QE</li> <li>Must meet prevailing requirements</li> </ul>

## Come 1 Jan 2029, what would the changes mean for...

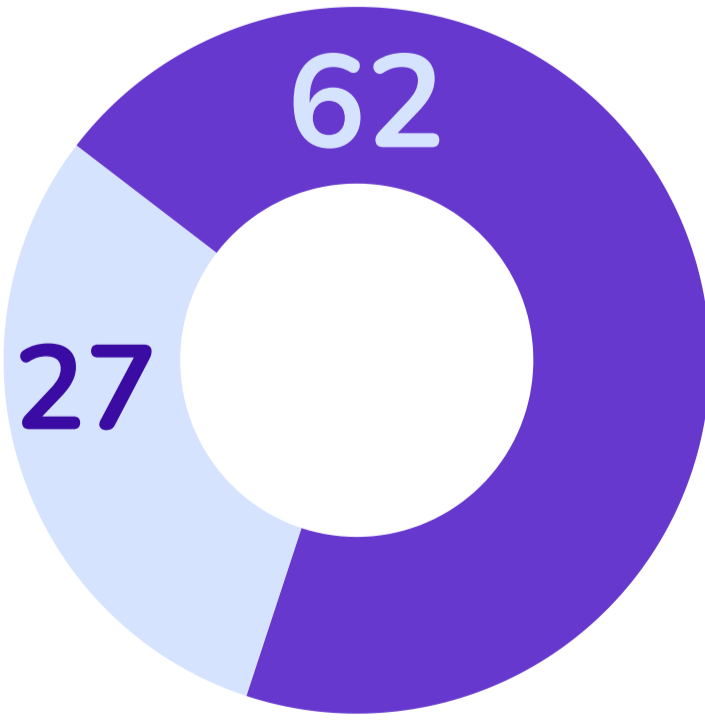
<p><b>Prospective dental students who graduate on or after 1 Jan 2029</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet prevailing requirements for C-reg</li> <li><u>Qualifications listed in DRA Schedule:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign-trained Singapore Citizens (SC) and Permanent Residents (PR):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No limit to number of attempts for QE</li> </ul> </li> <li>All other foreign-trained dentists:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cap of 2 attempts to pass each part of QE</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Qualifications not listed in DRA Schedule:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must apply for Council's approval to sit for QE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>In-flight dental students who graduate by 31 Dec 2028</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can still apply for C-reg under the current system</li> <li>Need to secure employment with local dental clinic or healthcare institution before applying to SDC</li> </ul>
<p><b>Experienced foreign-trained dentists with years of practice</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council will review each applicant on a case by case basis.</li> </ul>

## Reason for Amendments

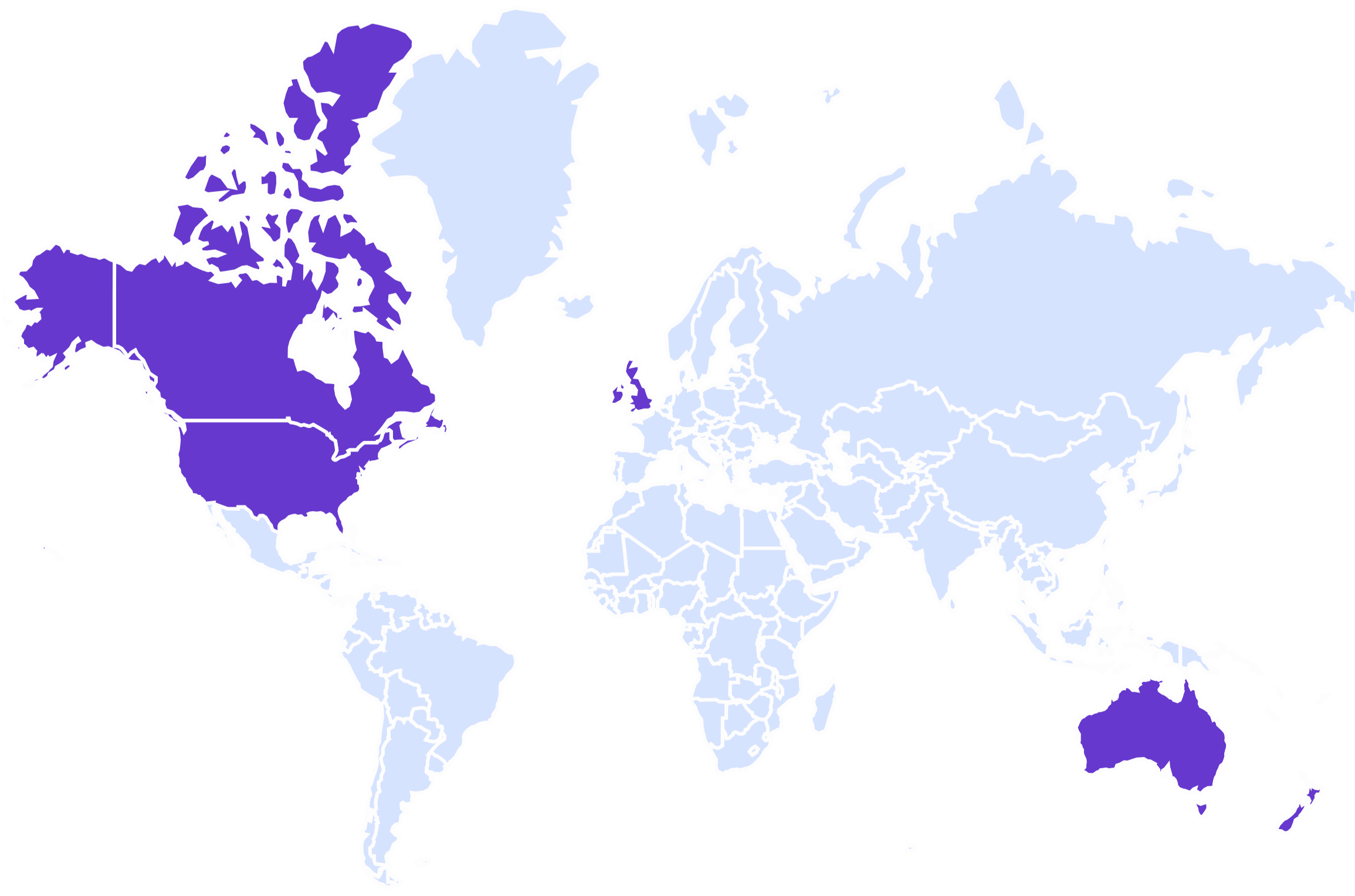
**Competency standards**  
Ensure foreign-trained dental graduates meet the same standards as locally-trained dental graduates.

**Familiar with requirements for practice**  
Ensure foreign-trained graduates are familiar with requirements for clinical practice in Singapore.

## Revised Schedule



**62 schools remain**  
SDC has not received registrations from dental graduates of the 27 removed schools. The revised Schedule can be found [here](#).



**62 dental schools in the revised DRA Schedule -**  
34 United States of America, 12 United Kingdom, 7 Canada, 5 Australia, 2 from Republic of Ireland, 1 Hong Kong, 1 New Zealand

