**A DENTIST/ODONTOGIST**

**How many hours do people work a day/a week?**

Dentists work 38 hours a week, about 8-9 hours a day. Those engaged in private practice work longer hours (60 hours).

**Are there paid holidays?**

Dentists working in public institutions have paid holidays of 6 calendar weeks.

**What kind of clothes do people have to wear?**

They have to wear special clothing (a white, blue or green gown, a cap, sterile gloves).

**What are the 10 most important/ basic rights dentists have?**

* Safe and hygienic working conditions.
* The right to information concerning the work.
* The right to social guarantees.
* The right to paid leave (annual, parental leave, maternity leave).
* The right to receive payment for overtime.
* The right to improve their professional skills.
* To practice medicine - dental practice in health care facilities according to the laws.
* Obtain the necessary job information, tools, equipment, medicines, disinfectants, sterilization, security and other measures.
* To make proposals to the employer, how better serve and treat patients and improve working conditions.
* To participate in various health prevention, diagnosis, treatment and wellness programs, research and scientific activities.

**What welfare benefits do you receive when losing their job?**

Redundancy payment

**What kind of qualification and diploma, certificates etc. do dentists need?**

A dentist, having received Bachelor's degree can continue their education to get Master or Doctor degree. To study the course, a student has to pass examinations in chemistry, biology, native and foreign languages.

**What is the approximate range of payment and what kind of flat can you afford for that salary? (basic-regular-luxary)**

A dentist earns about 2000 – 3000 Lt per month (580-870 Euros). Salary depends on qualification, experience and number of patients. Experienced dentists can afford a house.

**How many years must you work before going on retirement?**

A dentist must work 25 years until retirement.

**At what age can you go on retirement?**

A women can retire at 60, a men at 62 and a half.

**Are there any physical or psychological diseases directly connected to your job?**

Representatives of this profession may complain of headache, backache, eye diseases, fatigue (emotional, physical), constant stress and chance to be infected with various diseases.

**What motivation is there to improve the results of your work?**

Motivation to achieve better performance is higher salary, more customers, inner motivation ("A lot of happy and healthy people"), better working conditions.

**Do both adults have to work to support family?**

A dentist earns enough to support the family, although it is more typical for both parents to work.

**Who takes care of your children?**

Babysitters, grandparents and other relatives can take care of the children.

**Do both parents have maternity leave and how long?**

Usually one of the parents takes parental leave for two years or, in rare cases up to three years.