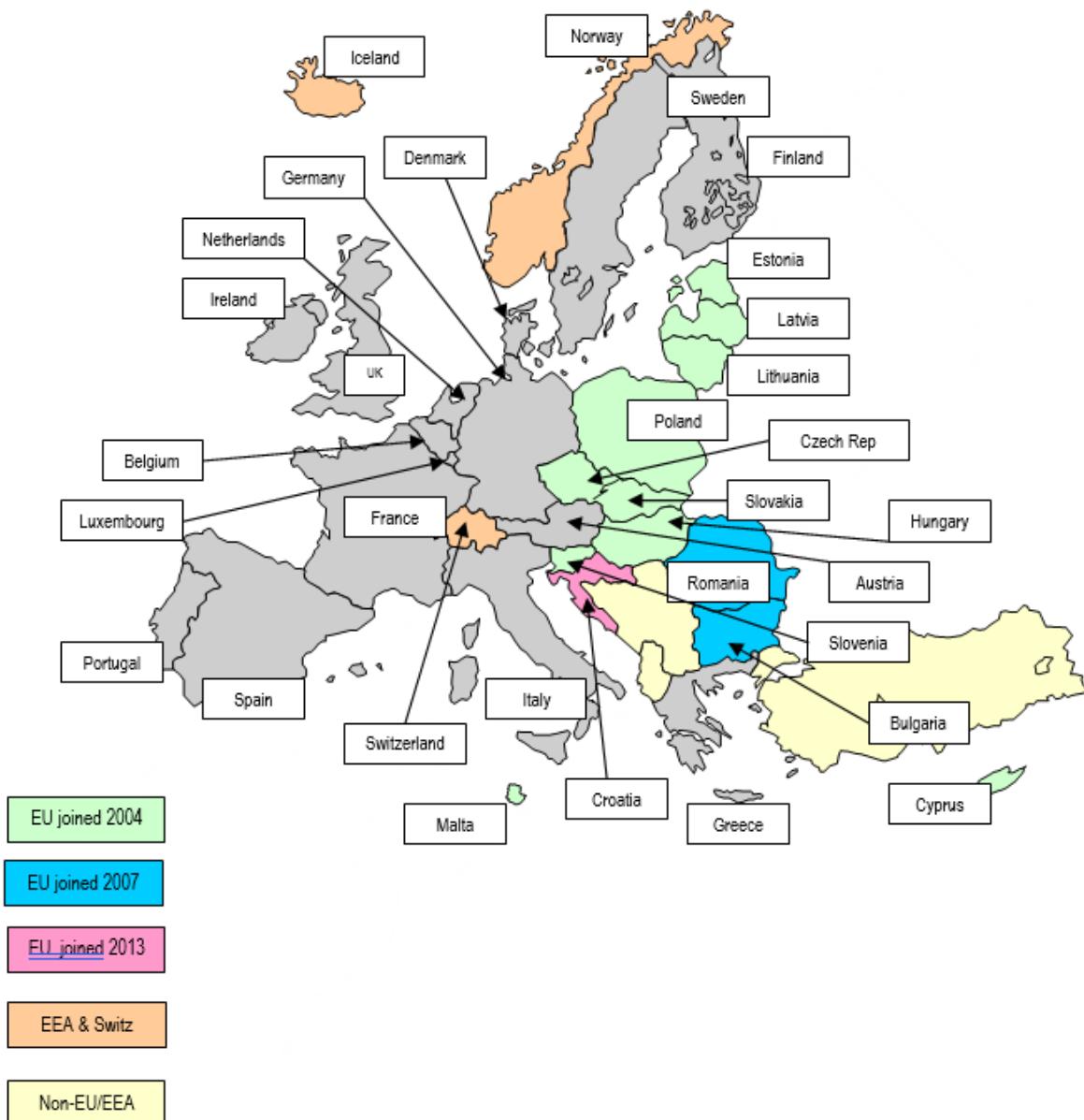


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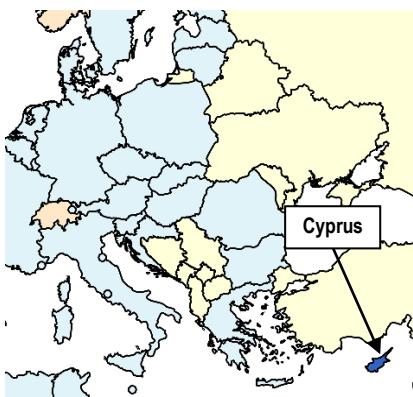
Cyprus

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Cyprus



In the EU/EEA since	2004
Population (2024)	933 505 ¹
GDP PPP per capita (2023)	€27 720 ²
Currency	Euro € (EUR)
Official language(s)	Greek, Turkish, English

The healthcare system in Cyprus has undergone a significant institutional shift with the establishment of a public healthcare scheme under the General Healthcare System (GHS) Fund in June 2019 and the increase of public coverage. Dentists joined the GHS on the 1st of December of 2020, with some preventive dental care provided once a year:

- Free scaling and polishing of teeth for patients over 12 years of age
- Scaling, polishing and fluoride treatment for children between the ages of 6 to 12
- A free check-up for children from 4 to 6 years of age.

Number of dentists (active)	1273 (2024)
Active dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhabitants)	136 (2024)
Members of Dental Association	1992

Dental specialists include oral surgeons and orthodontists, and the use of dental auxiliaries is limited to dental technicians. Continuing education for dentists is mandatory

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Government and healthcare in Cyprus

The Republic of Cyprus the third largest island in the Mediterranean. The capital, Nicosia, is located in the centre of the island. Independence from the UK was approved in 1960 with constitutional guarantees by the Greek, Turkish and UK governments.

However, following military intervention by Turkey in 1974, the island has been *de facto* divided, with a northern 37% being controlled as "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", declared in 1983, recognised only by Turkey, and unaccepted as a legal entity by the rest of the world. There have been UN-led direct talks between the two sides to reach a comprehensive settlement to the division of the island from time to time, but no progress has been made. The Republic of Cyprus became a member of the EU in 2004. The *AcquisCommunautaire* remains not applied in the northern part for the time being.

The Republic of Cyprus is governed as a presidential democracy. The legislative power is administered through the House of Representatives and the judicial power is executed by the Supreme Court and the District Courts. There are six administrative districts. The Head of State is also the Head of Government.

Approximately 76.1% of the population are Greek Cypriot (including about 9,000 Maronites, Armenians and Latins), 10.2% are Turkish Cypriot and 13.7% foreign residents and workers.

The General Healthcare System (GHS) Fund was launched on 1 June 2019 in the Republic of Cyprus. The payments of

contributions started on 1 March 2019. The healthcare system is based on public compulsory health insurance and on the principle of Universal Health Coverage. Healthcare financing is distributed through a tripartite system and incorporates both general funding by state revenue, as well as contributions by employers and employees levied on wages, income or pension. A system of co-payments also exists when accessing most healthcare services.

The GHS is administered and executed by the Health Insurance Organisation (HIO), which acts as the single purchaser of services from public and private providers.

In recent years, an important general decrease in out-of-pocket spending as well as spending related to supplementary voluntary health insurance can be noted.

The GHS provides coverage to Cypriot citizens, EU citizens, people with legal residence as well as documented asylum seekers.

Oral healthcare services covered under the GHS benefits package mainly include preventative dental care, with only 17% of all dental care subsidised by the state. Services covered exclude treatments such as dental fillings and extractions. Dental care accounted for nearly one-third (33%) of all out-of-pocket spending in Cyprus in 2023³.

¹ Cyprus – EU country profile | European Union (europa.eu)

² Country facts - EUROSTAT (europa.eu)

³ Cyprus: Country Health Profile 2023 | European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (who.int)

Education, Training and Registration

Undergraduate Education and Training

The first dental school of the Republic of Cyprus was established in 2017 within the Faculty of Dentistry of the private European University Cyprus in Nicosia. The 5-year program is entirely taught in English and leads to the acquisition of the title of *Bachelor of Dental Surgery*.

To study in Cyprus, international students must provide sufficient academic school records, as well as carry out an application procedure which includes the requirement to provide an English language certificate, as well as the completion of an interview.

Tuition fee amounts to 22 500€ per academic year.

Graduate specialist programmes are offered in orthodontics.

Most practising dentists registered in Cyprus before 2022 have graduated from EU/EEA universities – mainly Greek Universities (Athens and Thessaloniki), prior to the existence of dental programmes in Cyprus. To study in Greece, a student has to pass the entry exams organised by the Ministry of Education of Cyprus; there are usually 15 posts allocated to Cypriot citizens each year. If a student wishes to study in other countries, he/she has to fulfil requirements imposed by the concerned country.

Year of data	2024
Number of schools	1
Student intake*	Between 80-100
Number of graduates a year	100
Gender balance (% of female students)	50-60 %
Duration of studies	5

The northern part of Cyprus, under Turkish authority, also hosts several dental faculties with dental programmes taught both in English and Turkish. These dental faculties are not recognised by the European Union and do therefore not fall under the scope of EU legislation on education and professional qualifications or the European automatic recognition of diplomas. These dental programs are entirely under the authority of the Turkish government.

Registration

Initial registration

Dentists must register and request a license under the Cyprus Dentist Register from the Cyprus Dental Council for the recognition of their title. Please refer to the relevant documentation for registration: [Forms | Cyprus Dentist's Council \(moh.gov.cy\)](https://www.moh.gov.cy). The application, as well as required certificates, must be submitted via post or handed in in person, usually in October at the Engomi Business Center.

The fee for the introduction of an initial application to the register is 50€. The registration fee is 300€. All documents must be provided or translated in Greek or English language. Any other languages must be translated into Greek language.

Professional registration

Dentists in Cyprus must also become a member of the Cyprus Dental Association (the professional body).

The yearly membership fee to the CDA is 130€.

Registration is regulated under the Dentist Registration Law

	Year	Source
% GDP spent on all healthcare	9.4	2021 OECD
% of this spent by government	85.3	2021 OECD
% of dental care costs covered by public insurance	17	2023 OECD

Caps 249. Please find the relevant regulation and the guidance on dentists' registration in Cyprus [here](#).

If an EU dentist wants to establish in Cyprus, he/she also must be registered with both CDC and CDA, but for a dentist who wants to provide services for a limited time period, registration with the CDC only is necessary.

Language requirements

The CDC requires a fluent practice of the Greek language with a certified C1 level, verified by a certificate, as well as a possible interview conducted by the CDC.

Initial cost of registration CDC	€300
Cost of registration CDC for specialists	€350
Yearly membership fee at the CDA	€ 130

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The Cyprus Dental Association (CDA), in collaboration with the Dental Services of the Ministry of Health leads a programme of Continuing Professional Development of Dentists (CPDD). This programme is mandatory for all dentists (private and public sectors) in order to obtain the Certificate of Continuing Professional Development for Dentists (CPDD Certificate).

This CPDD program includes the organisation of lectures, seminars and workshops on contemporary dental topics, undertaken by professors and instructors from Cyprus and EU dental schools, including Greece.

Certificate of the Continuing Professional Development for Dentists (CPDD) is obtained by accumulating a minimum of 45 credits through continuing education within a period of 3 years, with a minimum of 25 credits of verifiable CPD. The Certificate of Continuing Professional Development for Dentists is not yet connected to the renewal of the license to practice dentistry in Cyprus, acquired from the CDA.

Specialist Training Requirements

Cyprus officially recognises 4 specialities: orthodontics, oral surgery, maxillofacial surgery and oral maxilla facial surgery (OMFS).

Specialist training in Cyprus is only available for orthodontics. The private European University of Cyprus offers a 3-years master's program in Orthodontics, taught in English. A tuition fee of 150 000€ for the whole duration of the programme is requested for admission onto the programme.

All oral surgery, maxillofacial surgery and OMFS specialists train overseas. The registration fee for dental specialists is 350€.

Workforce

Dentists

Since 2022, there are some dentists that graduated from the European University in Cyprus (EUC). No vocational training is required for practising dentistry in Cyprus.

The majority of dentists however still qualify overseas, for example in Greece, other EU countries, the United Kingdom and third countries.

Year of data	2024
Total Registered	1 992
In active practice	1 273
Active dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhabitants)	136
Percentage female	53%
Qualified overseas	(Nearly all dentists)

Of the 1,273 registered (in 2024), 243 were working or doing postgraduate courses outside Cyprus, 719 were not active and 63 were retired.

Movement of dentists across borders

There is significant movement of dentists from and to Cyprus. Dentists from Greece, Russia and Ukraine come to get established in Cyprus, but not in large numbers. Cypriot dentists move to other EU/EEA countries to get postgraduate education and to work. Out of 1273 active dentists, 61 were registered as EU or third-country nationals, and 1212 as Cypriots in 2024.

Specialists

Since 2004, when new laws were enacted, the recognised specialties are:

- Orthodontists who have received at least 3 years' fulltime training,
- Oral Surgery, after basic dental training plus at least 3 years' fulltime specialist training,
- Oral Maxillo-facial surgery, after basic medical and dental training plus at least 4 years' fulltime specialist training.

Year of data	2024
Orthodontics	61
Oral Surgery	8
Maxillofacial Surgery	8
OMFS	16

Specialists usually practice in the main towns, but access to specialists can be made easily from towns and rural areas in Cyprus.

Out of the Oral-Maxillofacial surgeons, 3 have carried out dental training only and the remainder have received both medical and dental training.

The specialty of Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery is also recognised by the Cyprus Medical Council.

Auxiliaries

Year of data	2024
Dental technicians	220
Dental Chairside assistants and therapists	N/A

Dental Technicians

Technicians are trained in Greece, the UK, other European countries, or the USA. The minimum requirement for a dental technician to be registered is 4 years study after the completion of the secondary school studies.

Dental Technicians generally practice in independent dental laboratories without supervision by a dentist practitioner.

To obtain authorisation to operate a dental laboratory in the Republic of Cyprus, dental technicians must submit a request to the Cyprus Council for the Registration of Dental Technicians and Laboratories, under the Ministry of Health.

They have to be registered with the Dental Technicians' Council, comprised of 7 members, 1 public dental technician, 1 public dentist, 1 private dentist and 4 private dental technicians. There is no reported illegal practice.

Dental Chairside Assistants

Dental assistants are not qualified and in most cases are trained by their employers. There is no formal education programme.

Other Useful Information

Main national associations

Dental associations and information centre	
The Cyprus Dental Association (CDA)	Main information centre
<p>Cyprus Dental Association 1, 28 Octovriou Str., Engomi Business Center Block B, Office 205 2414 Nicosia, Cyprus Tel: +357 22 819 819 Or: +357 22 819 820 Email: cda@cytanet.com.cy / cda@dental.org.cy Website: www.dental.org.cy</p>	<p>Dental Services Nicosia General Hospital 1450 Nicosia Cyprus Tel (Old Hospital): +357 22801620 Tel (Nicosia General Hospital): +357 22603509 Tel (Limassol Hospital): 25801321 Email: director@ds.moh.gov.cy Website: https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/ds/ds.nsf/dmlindex_gr/dmlindex_gr?opendocument</p>
<p>Cyprus Council for the Registration of Dental Technicians and Laboratories</p> <p>Sialou Kalli 6A, 2220 Latsia – Nicosia Tel.: +357 22603182, +357 99697155 Fax : +357 22571369 Email: angel@cytanet.com.cy</p>	

Competent authorities

Cyprus Dental Council (CDC)	Ministry of Health
<p>Cyprus Dental Council 1, 28 Octovriou Str., 2414 Nicosia, Cyprus or PO.Box 27898 2434 Nicosia, CYPRUS Tel: +357 22 819 819 Fax: +357 22 819 815 Email: cd council@ dental.org.cy / cd council info@ dental.org.cy Website: https://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/cdc/cdc.nsf/home_en/home_en?Opendocument</p>	<p>Corner of Prodromou 1 & Chilonos 17 1448 Nicosia Cyprus Tel : +357 22 605 300 Tel: +357 22 605 301 Email: perm.sec@moh.gov.cy Website: https://www.gov.cy/moh/en/</p>

Dental School:

Nicosia
<p>School of Dentistry European University Cyprus (EUC) 6, Diogenes 2404 Engomi P.O. Box: 22006, 1516 Nicosia, Cyprus</p> <p>Contact list: https://euc.ac.cy/en/academics/faculty-profiles/faculty-school-of-dentistry/ Email: info@euc.ac.cy Website: https://euc.ac.cy/en/academics/schools-</p>

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Dentists graduating each year: 100

Number of students: 80-150