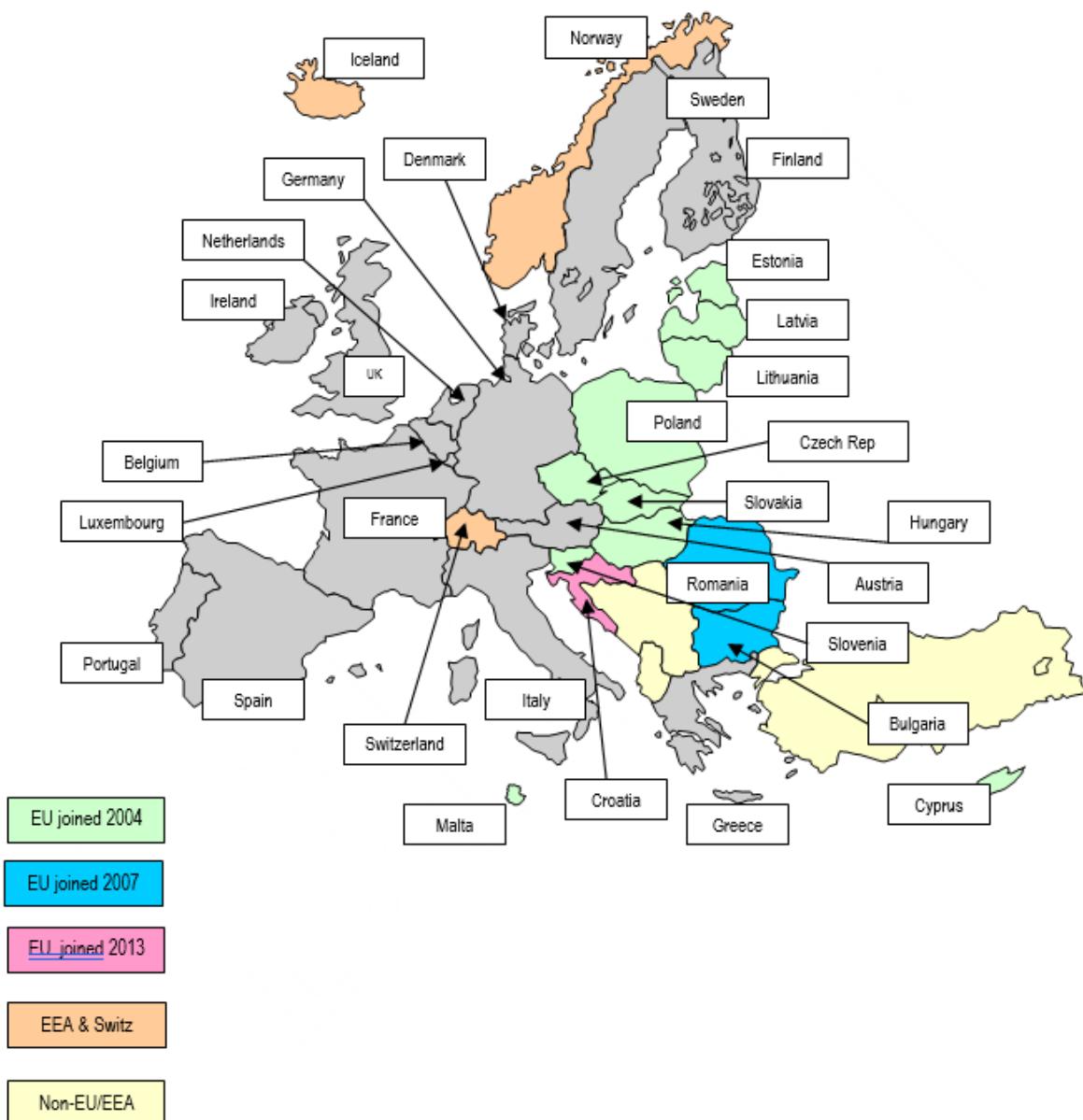


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MANUAL OF DENTAL PRACTICE 2026

The Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan)

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Kyrgyz Republic



Status in Europe/EU	Not an EU Member or candidate country
Population (2024)	7 254 000
GDP PPP per capita (2025)	8 780 \$
Currency	Kyrgyzstani Som (KGS, ₪) 100.62 KGS = 1€ Kyrgyz, Russian
Official language	Kyrgyzstan has a mostly centralised health system, with a strong role carried by the Ministry of Health. Statutory health insurance is managed by the state Compulsory Medical Insurance Fund. 70% of funding is provided through the national health budget. Gaps in coverage persist, with only an estimated 70% of the population covered by health insurance. Voluntary health insurance is marginal, with remaining extensive co-payments and out-of-pocket payment. Insured dental care is provided by family medicine centres and family group practices, with only emergency dental care and dental health literacy programs free of charge. State dental programs offer some care to children, pregnant women and pensioners.
Number of dentists (active)	1 800 (only working in state dental organisations)
(Active) dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhabit)	25

There are five dental specialities and one medical-dental speciality in Kyrgyzstan. Laboratory technicians, dental assistants and hygienists are officially recognised.

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Government and healthcare in the Kyrgyz Republic

Kyrgyzstan, officially the Kyrgyz Republic, is a presidential republic. The unicameral Supreme Council (Jogorku Kenesh) holds legislative powers and is composed of 90 members. This Parliament is responsible for adopting laws, approving the state budget and allocating public funds for the healthcare sector.

The Ministry of Health is the primary body responsible for developing health policy, strategic planning, purchasing of services and regulation of healthcare. Kyrgyzstan is split into three: the national level, regions (*oblasts*) and districts (*rayons*).

The country is divided into 7 administrative regions (*oblasts*) and 2 independent cities (Bishkek and Osh). Regional and local administrations are granted some responsibility for the delivery of services and managing of public health programs.

Kyrgyzstan has progressively taken steps towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) principles. Publicly funded healthcare is available through both state-owned and private providers. A strong growth in fully private providers including dental services is noted in recent years. The share of public healthcare expenditure has seen an important decrease in the overall state budget.

All Kyrgyz citizens are entitled to statutory health insurance, granting access to a basic package of healthcare services. However, a large share of the population remains uninsured by mandatory health insurance, an estimated 70%, due to either an existing informal or foreign status. The statutory social health insurance is administered by the Compulsory Health Insurance Fund (*Фонд обязательного медицинского страхования*), under the Ministry of Health. It purchases healthcare services and manages the implementation of the State Guaranteed Benefit Package (SGBP), introduced in 2001.

		Year	Source
% GDP spent on all healthcare	2.6%	2025	OECD
% of this spent by government	70%	2024	OECD
% GDP as public spending on health	2.6%	2025	OECD

Only citizens paying social contributions have access to an extended package of insured health services under the SGBP. Voluntary health insurance schemes are marginal across Kyrgyzstan. Strong gaps in accessibility persist due to important geographical barriers between urban and dispersed rural and mountainous regions. Factors relating to ageing and migration of healthcare professionals are also of growing concern.

Dental care is generally not covered under the SGBP. Most dental services such as diagnostics, fillings, and orthodontics are paid out-of-pocket. Specific groups such as children and low-income families may have access to free annual check-ups or emergency care in public institutions. State-run programs have developed mobile dental units and school programs for children in rural areas, though coverage remains limited.

The Program of State Garantees of the Kyrgyz Republic offers for example, some prophylactic and curative dental care, including emergency dental care and health literacy programs to children under 10 years old, pregnant women and retired persons over 70 years old. Coverage of costs for professionals is based on a capitation rate, determined by the number of patients a year (139 KGS per person per year in 2019).

Education, Training and Registration

Undergraduate Education and Training

To enter dental school in the Kyrgyz Republic, a student must have completed secondary education and hold a valid high school diploma or equivalent, with specialisation in sciences subjects.

Admission to undergraduate dental programs is based on performance in the National Republican Testing (NRT) exam, a standardized entrance examination administered by the Ministry of Education and Science of Kyrgyzstan. The NRT includes subject-specific assessments, such as biology and chemistry, which are prerequisites for all medical and dental applicants.

International students are able to study dentistry in Kyrgyzstan in English, Russian, or Kyrgyz, depending on the university and program of instruction. For non-Kyrgyz nationals, including Indian students, admission requirements generally include submission of a completed application form, proof of secondary school graduation with relevant coursework in biology and chemistry, and—if applying to an English-medium program—evidence of English language proficiency.

Year of data	2025
Number of schools ¹	10
Student intake	≈ 1 000
Number of graduates a year	≈ 5 500
Gender balance (% of female students)	50%
Duration of studies	5/6

Dental studies may last between 5 and 6 years depending on the chosen dental faculty. Dental education in Kyrgyzstan is offered by both public and private institutions, with existing programs in 7 private universities and 3 public universities.

Public courses are available at the I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Institute in Bishkek, as the country's leading public medical university, as well as at Osh State University and Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University (KRSU).

Undergraduate dental courses are also available at the private universities of S. Tentishev Asian Medical Institute in Kant, the Kyrgyz Medical and Dental Institute located both in Kara-Balta, Avicenna International Medical University, International Medical University (IMU), Royal Metropolitan University, University Adam and the International European University.

Dental education is usually structured as a five-year undergraduate program totalling 300 ECTS credits and entitled “Specialitet”, and combines foundational sciences, preclinical laboratory work, and clinical training during the final two years.

At public institutions, annual tuition for international students have recently increased to \$1 000 USD per year, while private universities offering English-taught programs display higher student fees.

Registration

Upon successful completion of the dental program, dental graduates acquire the title of “Doctor of Stomatology”.

To practice dentistry in Kyrgyzstan, graduates are recently required to register with the Ministry of Health (both state and private practitioners). Graduates must submit proof of the successful completion of national licensing examination (written and practice exams).

Membership to the Stomatological Association of the Kyrgyz Republic is not mandatory for professional practice.

Yearly membership fee	500 Som (4.97€)
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Vocational Training (VT)

Vocational training, as graduate residency, is mandatory in the Kyrgyz Republic before authorisation to practice. This can be included under the undergraduate dental course of some universities but may also be mandatory after completion of the degree and before being granted authorisation to practice. The title “Doctor of Dental Surgery” is awarded following the completion of clinical residency.

Language requirements

Registering dentists must demonstrate fluency in either Kyrgyz or Russian, as clinical practice requires communication with patients in one of the official state languages.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing professional development is mandatory for dentists in the Kyrgyz Republic, with the obligation to complete 250 hours of training every 5 years.

Continuing professional development (CPD) for dentists is available through various institutions, including medical academies and professional dental associations.

Specialist Training Requirements

After completing their dental diploma (*Specialitet*), graduates can pursue specialist training in therapeutic dentistry, orthodontics, orthopaedic dentistry or paediatric dentistry.

Dental speciality studies last between 2 to 3 years and are offered by existing dental faculties, and specifically the I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Institute.

- General dentistry – 2-year residency after graduation
- Therapeutic dentistry
- Surgical Stomatology (Oral Surgery)
- Orthopaedic dentistry (prosthodontics)
- Paediatric dentistry
- Orthodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (dental and medical speciality)

Workforce

Dentists

The monitoring and regulation of dental care in Kyrgyzstan is overseen by the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, responsible for licensing dentists and accrediting dental institutions. There is currently no unified national dental association with statutory regulatory power, though various professional groups and academic bodies contribute to continuing education and clinical guidelines.

Year of data	2022
Total Registered (recent)	≈ 1771 (1073 Stomatologists and 698 Dental Therapists**)
Practising dentists (only in state organisations)	≈ 1 800 (1 102 Stomatologists, 698 Dental Therapists**)
Dentist to population ratio (per 100 000 inhab) *	25
Percentage female	50%
Foreign-trained dentists	20

**Dental therapists have a specific status under the Kyrgyz Republic. Introduced during the Soviet Union and maintained at the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in 1991, dental therapists were trained in secondary education colleges for a duration of 3 years, to compensate for the shortage of dentists. Today, this profession is currently in the process of being phased out, with dental therapists retrained as stomatological hygienists or assistants.

The vast majority of dental clinics in Kyrgyzstan—estimated at over 95%—are privately owned. The number of private dental practice has also recently been growing in the total share of practices, and in comparison, with public dental practice, including practices contracted under the public health insurance system. The public sector plays a relatively minor role in dental service delivery, often limited to university hospitals and selected municipal clinics.

Healthcare delivery in Kyrgyzstan remains fragmented, with dental care often isolated from broader public health systems.

Most dental practitioners are located in urbanised and populated areas of Bishkek and Osh, with very few dentists practising in rural and isolated areas. This geographic disparity strongly impacts inequality in the availability of dental care services across Kyrgyzstan.

Movement of dentists across borders

A significant number of recent dental graduate migrate to Kazakhstan, Russia and other CIS countries.

Kyrgyz dental programs have been increasingly attracting international students, including in the neighbouring South-Asian region, the Middle East and Africa.

Existing dental tourism also encourages cross-border movement of dentists, particularly in Bishkek.

Specialists

Dental specialists mostly practice in private settings. Referral from general dentists is not mandatory to consult specialist practitioners in Kyrgyzstan.

Year of data	2025
Therapeutic dentists ("stomatologists")	NA
Surgical Stomatologists (Oral Surgery)	NA
Orthodontists	NA
Orthopaedic dentists	NA
Paediatric dentists	NA
OMFS	NA

Therapeutic dentistry in Kyrgyzstan encompasses competencies in cariology, restorative dentistry, endodontics, periodontology, oral mucosal diseases, and aspects of paediatric care.

Auxiliaries

Year of data	2024
Laboratory technicians	317
Chairside assistants	500
Hygienists	200

Dental Technicians

Dental technicians is an important existing profession in Kyrgyzstan. Dental technicians train in vocational colleges and technical programs. Studies focus on dental anatomy, manufacturer of prosthetic fabrication, material science and lab techniques.

Training includes practical and laboratory clinical work. Dental technicians are authorised to practice independently in autonomous technical laboratories, without supervision of a dentist.

Dental Chairside Assistants

Dental chairside assistants train in specialised and technical colleges, in non-state recognised and harmonised courses. Dental assistants in Kyrgyzstan support dentists by preparing patients and materials, sterilizing instruments, handling clinical tasks like suction and X-ray imaging, maintaining infection control, and performing various administrative duties. Dental assistants must work under supervision of a registered dentist.

Dental Hygienists

Dental hygienists train in specialised medical colleges. A decree has recently been adopted to re-specialize dental therapists into dental hygienists, but this has not been fully implemented in practice.

Students complete theoretical and practical, clinical courses. Hygienists work primarily in private dental clinics across urban areas like Bishkek and Osh.

They are not authorised to practice independently and must be under supervision of a registered dentist. They carry out professional cleanings, X-rays and patient hygiene promotion.

Other Useful Information

Main national associations

National dental associations and information centres
Stomatological Association of the Kyrgyz Republic
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Kyrgyzstan
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Competent authorities

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Dental Schools:

Public Universities	
<p>I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Institute – Faculty of Dentistry (Bishkek)</p> <p>92, Akhunbaev street, Room No.14 720020, Bishkek Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>Phone: +996 (312) 56 58 36 Email: stomatolog@kgma.kg Website: https://www.kgma.kg/en/faculties/dentistry</p> <p>Language of instruction: Russian</p>	<p>Osh State University – Faculty of Medicine (Osh) Specialty of Stomatology</p> <p>Vodozabornaya Street, 215 723 500 Osh City Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>Phone: +996 772334433 Email: medfak.oshsu@mail.ru Website Osh State University: https://www.oshsu.kg/ru Website Faculty of Medicine: https://medical.oshsu.kg/</p> <p>Language of instruction: Russian</p>

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