

## Job Summary

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### **Dental Officer/Dentist GS-680**

**Job summary** A medical career as a civilian dentist in the Department of Defense (DoD) is an exciting and fulfilling option if you want to make a difference in the lives of others. Working as a civilian dentist treating our wounded warriors and their families, you will enjoy many of the same benefits of a military medical career without having to worry about deployment. You work side-by-side with military dentists at one of many military treatment facilities around the world. DoD dentists work in a variety of environments which typically include military hospitals or clinics.

**Salary and Benefits** DoD healthcare opportunities feature competitive starting salaries, and may include a higher special salary rate in certain locations. The benefits package includes comprehensive health and life insurance, transit subsidy, professional development and training opportunities and flexible hours designed to provide the ability to achieve and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

As of August 18, 2010, DoD physicians and dentists are covered by a new pay plan, the Physicians and Dentists Pay Plan (PDPP). PDPP offers two components to pay, 1) base pay at the General Schedule rate, and 2) market pay which encompasses supplemental pay elements such as locality pay, physician comparability allowance (PCA), premium pay and special salary rates.

**Education** Qualification requirements include a Degree in dental surgery (D.D.S.) or dental medicine (D.M.D.) from a school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA); or another dental school, provided the education and knowledge acquired was substantially equivalent to that of graduates from an ADA-approved school

**Licenses or Certificates** Candidates must be currently licensed to practice dentistry in a U.S. State, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico.

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