

**Neighbouring Countries Dental Associations Collaboration Platform
Member Country National Report**

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1. What is the term of office for Board of Directors (Council)? Please notify the up-to-date list of your Council.

- The presidential term of KSA lasts 2 years. Last Congress of the members of KSA was on 29-30 October 2013. Elmira Issentaeva was elected as the President of KSA.

2. Is the membership in your dental association/chamber mandatory or voluntary? And what is the total number of dentists in your dental association/chamber?

- KSA is a public association, so membership is voluntary; the number of members is 2,500. Head office is in Astana, in Almaty and KSA branch offices operate in 14 regional centers of Kazakhstan.

3. What is the number of dental faculties in your country and how many of these faculties do provide dental education at the moment?

- Kazakhstan has 6 dental faculties; all of them provide dental education (5 Medical Universities and 1 Medical Institute).

4. How many years does the undergraduate education last in your country? What are the specialties?

- The undergraduate education lasts 5 years. The specialty is a stomatologist (dentist) of general practice.

5. Is the postgraduate education (such as (Continuing dental education) mandatory or voluntary in your country? How does the system operate?

- The postgraduate education in dentistry, such as internship, is mandatory in Kazakhstan and lasts one year with assignment the specialty of dentist of general practice. It includes following particular specialties:

- Therapeutic Dentist
- Surgical Dentist
- Prosthetic Dentist
- Orthodontist
- Pediatric Dentist

After each 5 years dentists should pass mandatory extension courses, which are the formal type of continuing dental education. The non-formal and informal (self-education) type of continuing dental education is voluntary and performed without any particular syllabus, curriculum, and professional teachers. The internship is controlled by higher education

medical institutions, the dean's office of the university manages an internship, and the formal type of continuing dental education is controlled by postgraduate education medical institutions.

6. Do you have “dental assistant” or “dental hygienist” as a field of profession in your country? If the answer is “Yes”, could you please define the field of their assignments?

- There is no “dental assistant” profession. Assistants of dentists are specialists with secondary medical education (nurses), provide medical assistance when working in "four hands". “Dental hygienist” profession is a part of specialty of therapeutic dentist and pediatric dentist, because dentists of these specialties treat the diseases of teeth and gums and teach the patients to follow the rules of proper oral hygiene.