

# Entitlement & Training



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- Understanding of entitlement
- Be clear on what constitutes a training record
- Understanding of individual scopes of practice

## Schedule 1

The written procedures for medical exposures shall include –

- (b) procedures to identify individuals entitled to act as referrer or practitioner or operator;

All referrers, practitioners and operators **MUST** be entitled by the employer for all the roles they perform

## Prerequisites for entitlement

- Referrers must be state registered
- Practitioners must be state registered and be adequately trained
- Operators must be adequately trained for the roles that they carry out

- Each duty holder will require a scope of practice that outlines the tasks that they are entitled to perform
- A scope of practice should be reviewed regularly as individual roles may change over time

## Training

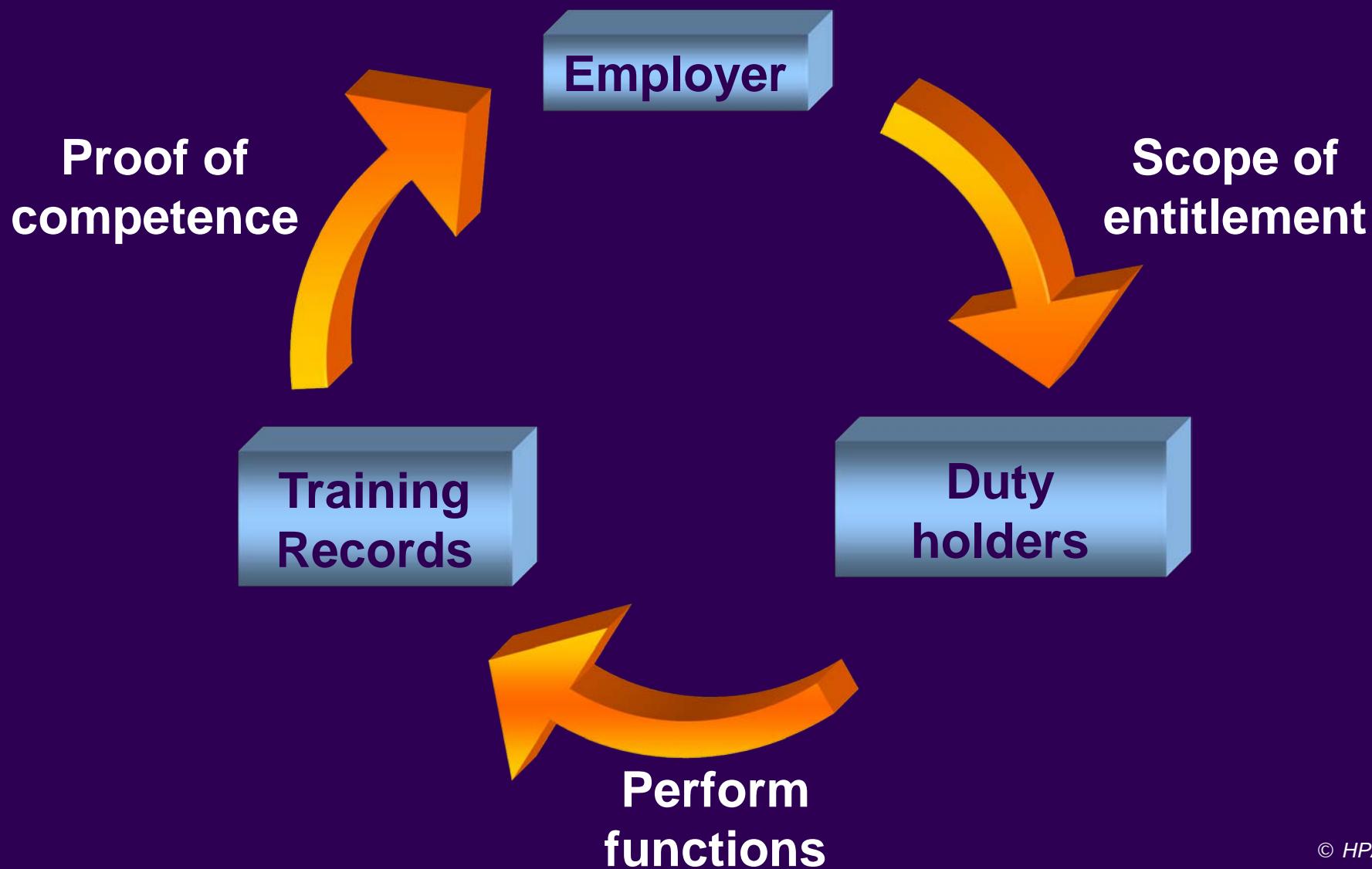
- documented in training records

## Assessment of competence

- undertaken by an appropriate person

## Entitlement

- with a defined scope of practice



Dentist training in the UK, contains theoretical and practical training to satisfy the requirements of Schedule 2 for a number of tasks.

Therefore a dentist may be considered to be adequately trained to be entitled as a practitioner for dental exposures (excluding CBCT) and as an operator for carrying out these exposures and undertaking the clinical evaluation (excluding CBCT).

Prior to use however, there should be local familiarisation training on the x-ray equipment and processor



# Qualifications, experience and training required for each duty holder role



Registrant Group	IR(ME)R Duty Holder	Qualifications/Training/Experience required
<b>Dentist</b>	Referrer	Registration with GDC <i>with additional training if requesting CBCT</i>
	Practitioner	Registration with GDC and <i>undergraduate dental degree</i>
	Operator	<i>Undergraduate dental degree and local equipment training</i>
<b>Medical Physics Expert</b>	Operator	Science degree or equivalent Experience in the application of physics, within dental use of ionising radiation Appointment to this role
<b>Dental Nurse</b>	Operator	<i>Diploma or certificate in Dental nursing and local training</i>
<b>Medical Physicist/Technologist</b>	Operator	<i>Appropriate qualification</i>

- Practitioners and operators must not carry out a function that they are not trained (or entitled) to perform
- Trainees must be supervised by an entitled operator or practitioner
- The employer must keep up-to-date training records for all practitioners and operators
- Agency staff training records should be held by the Agency but available to the employer on request
- Practitioners and operators must undertake CPD

# Example Dentist training record



Name			
Job title			
Site			
Task	✓	Trainer initials	Date
Use of intra-oral x-ray machines			
Image processing			
This person has received training on the above tasks			
Signature of trainer			
Name of trainer			
Signature of duty holder			

# Example Dental Care Professionals training record



Name

Job title

Site/Room

Task	✓	Trainer initials	Date
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Switch x-ray equipment on and off			
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Identify emergency stop button			
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Select appropriate exposure factors			
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Undertake an intra oral dental exposure			
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Press the exposure button under the direct supervision of a dentist			
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Use rectangular collimation			
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This person has received training on the above tasks

Signature of trainer

Signature of duty holder

# Example Dental Care Professionals training record



**Name**

**Job title**

**Site/Processor**

Task	✓	Trainer initials	Date
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Daily Step wedge exposure			
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Processor QA			
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Change chemicals in processor			
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Clean processor			
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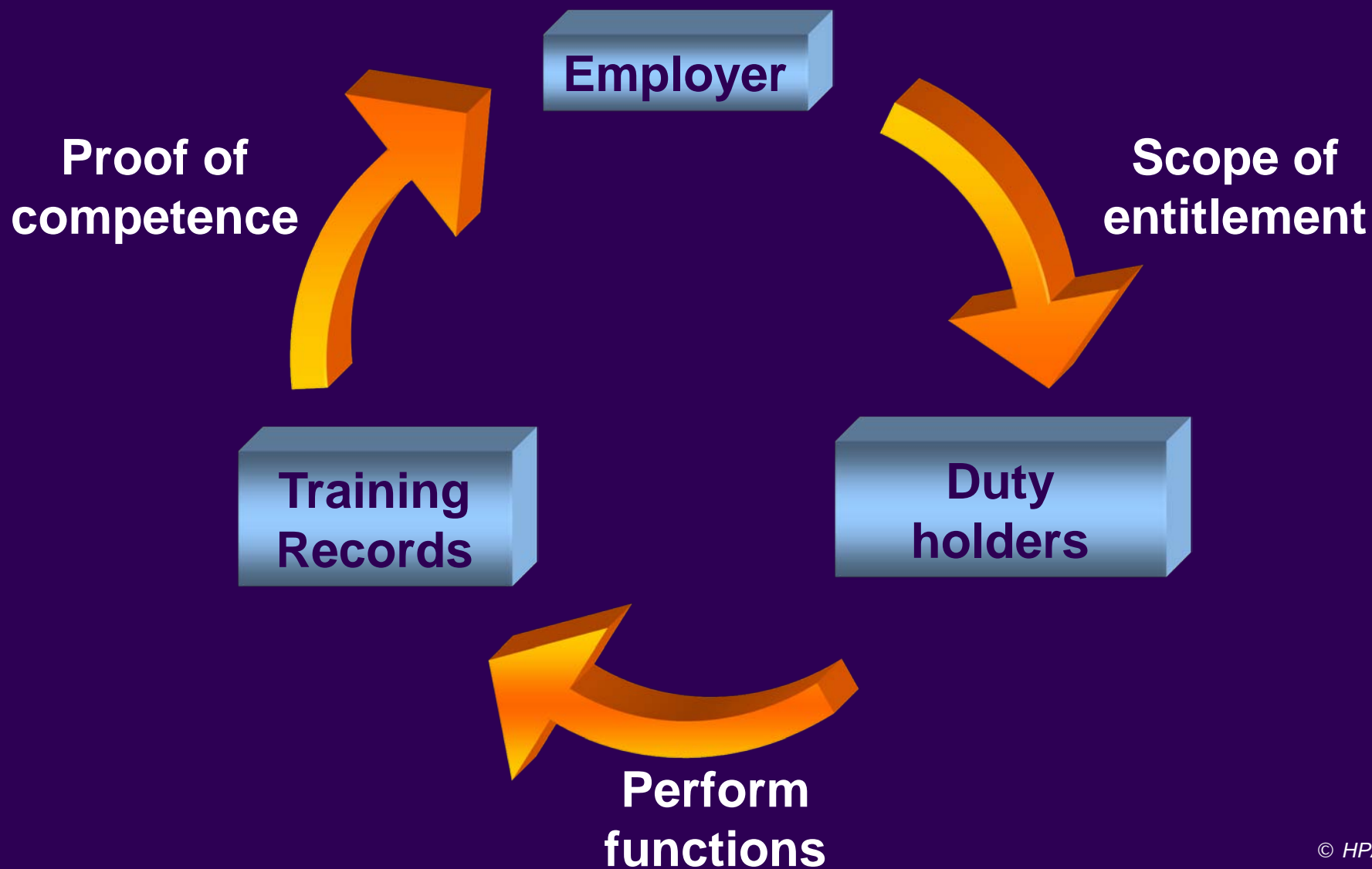
Process a film			
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This person has received training on the above tasks

Signature of trainer

Name of trainer

Signature of duty holder



# Example referrer tasks



- Refer for all dental exposures
- Refer for intra-oral exposures
- Refer for OPT exposures
- Competent to refer for CBCT exposures

# Example scope of practice



## Competencies for entitlement as a Duty Holder under IR(ME)R at XXXXX Practice

Name of Duty Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification(s) and date obtained \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date last checked \_\_\_\_\_

Training records held by \_\_\_\_\_

Referrer functions at XXXXX Practice	Assigned as competent Date & signature/initials of duty holder and assessor
Refer for all dental examinations	
Refer for intra oral examinations	
Refer for OPG / Lat Ceph examinations	
Refer for Cone Beam CT dental examinations	

Practitioner functions at XXXXX Practice	In training Date & signature/initials of duty holder and assessor	Assigned as competent Date & signature/initials of duty holder and assessor
Competent to justify requests for all dental examinations		
Competent to justify requests for intra oral examinations		
Competent to justify requests for OPG / Lat Ceph examinations		
Competent to justify requests for cone beam CT dental examinations		

Operator functions at XXXXX Practice	In training Date & signature/initials of duty holder and assessor	Assigned as competent Date & signature/initials of duty holder and assessor
Competent to carry out patient identification		
Competent to authorise against dental guidelines		
Competent to undertake all dental examinations		
Competent to undertake intra oral examinations		
Competent to undertake OPG / Lat Ceph examinations		
Competent to undertake cone beam CT dental examinations		
Competent to process dental films		
Competent to change chemicals in a dental processor		
Competent to process CR plates		
Competent to undertake electronic manipulation of an image		
Competent to clinically evaluate all dental examinations undertaken at the practice		
Competent to clinically evaluate cone beam CT dental examinations		
Competent to carry out quality assurance on equipment		

Entitled by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entitler \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Duty Holder (DH) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

IR(ME)R procedures read by DH \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Individual scope of practice



<b>Referrer tasks at XXXXX Practice</b>	<b>Assigned as competent Date &amp; signature/initials of assessor</b>
Refer for all dental examinations (excluding CBCT)	
Refer for Cone Beam CT dental examinations	

# Example practitioner tasks



- Competent to justify all dental exposures
- Competent to justify intra-oral exposures
- Competent to justify OPT exposures
- Competent to justify CBCT exposures

# Individual scope of practice



<b>Practitioner tasks at XXXXX Practice</b>	<b>Assigned as competent Date &amp; signature/initials of assessor</b>
Competent to justify requests for all dental examinations	
Competent to justify requests for cone Beam CT dental examinations	

# Example operator tasks



- Competent to carry out ID patient
- Competent to undertake all dental exposures
- Competent to undertake intra-oral exposures
- Competent to undertake OPT exposures
- Competent to undertake CBCT exposures
- Competent to authorise exposures using guidelines
- Competent to clinically evaluate images
- Competent to process films
- Competent to change processor chemicals
- Competent to undertake QA

# Individual scope of practice



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Competent to carry out patient identification		
Competent to undertake all dental examinations		
Competent to undertake OPT/Lat Ceph exposures		
Competent to undertake cone beam CT exposures		
Competent to process dental films		
Competent to process digital images		
Competent to change chemicals in a dental processor		
Competent to clinically evaluate all dental examinations undertaken at practice		
Competent to clinically evaluate all dental examinations undertaken outwith the practice		
Competent to clinically evaluate cone beam CT dental examinations		
Competent to carry out quality assurance on equipment		

# Entitlement



Entitled by	Date
Name of Entitler	Date
Signature of Duty Holder (DH)	Date
IR(ME)R procedures read by DH	Date

## Schedule 1

The written procedures for medical exposures shall include –

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## This procedure needs to

- Describe how entitlement takes place and by whom
- Describe how competence is assessed
- Who assesses competence
- Outlines scopes of practice
- Outline how the Scopes of practice are reviewed e.g. annual appraisal
- Clarifies who holds the training records



- The employer under IR(ME)R is not necessarily the same as for employment law
- Associate dentists must be entitled for the tasks they undertake within the dental practice and comply with the practice employers procedures

# Referring patients to external imaging providers



- If it is necessary to refer a patient to an external imaging provider e.g. x-ray department you will need to be entitled as a referrer in accordance with that provider's IR(ME)R procedures
- Entitlement as an operator for clinical evaluation may also be required if the imaging provider returns the image to the referrer unreported

- Training requirements
- Individual scope of practice
- Links between training and entitlement
- Entitlement process