

Accessing local dental services

Question	Public Dental Services	Private Dental Services
<p>Can my child use this service?</p>	<p>Yes. All children aged 0-12 years are eligible to access public dental services in Victoria.</p>	<p>Yes. Children and families may choose to access private dental services across Australia.</p>
<p>Will my child go on a waiting list?</p>	<p>No. Children aged 0-12 years will be given the next available appointment.</p>	<p>You will be advised of any waiting time when making an appointment. Waiting time will vary between dental services.</p>
<p>Do I have to pay?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no fees if you hold a valid pensioner concession card or health care card. • There may be a small fee per child per general course of care (examination and treatment) if you are a non-cardholder. 	<p>Yes. There are costs associated with accessing private dental services. You will need to discuss fees and payment options with your dental clinic.</p>
<p>How do I make an appointment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your nearest community dental clinic. • To find your nearest community dental clinic call 1300 360 054 or visit www.dhsv.org.au/clinic-locations/community-dental-clinics • Be sure to tell the receptionist the age of your child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your regular dental practitioner • If you do not have a regular dental practitioner, visit www.yellowpages.com.au (look under dentists) or visit the Australian Dental Association at www.ada.org.au