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Australian Society
of Orthodontists

Orthodontists are specialist dentists, much like cardiologists are specialist doctors.

However, a patient does not need a referral to see an orthodontist – they can choose to ask their dentist for a recommended orthodontist, or they can simply contact an orthodontist directly.

The Australian Society of Orthodontists (ASO) is the professional association for orthodontists and is dedicated to:

- advancing the practice of orthodontics as a specialist branch of dentistry
- promoting and maintaining high ethical and professional standards amongst orthodontists for the benefit of the dental health of the nation

To be a member of the ASO, an orthodontist must have completed:

- a five-year Bachelor of Science degree in Dentistry
- a further full-time three-year Masters Degree in Orthodontics, representing more than 4000 hours of dedicated specialist post-graduate education

The ASO is committed to a vigorous programme of continuing education for all its members, thereby keeping them up-to-date with all advances in the field.

The ASO has around 400 full members and a total of 500 members including students and overseas members.

For more information about the ASO, visit the website – www.aso.org.au

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