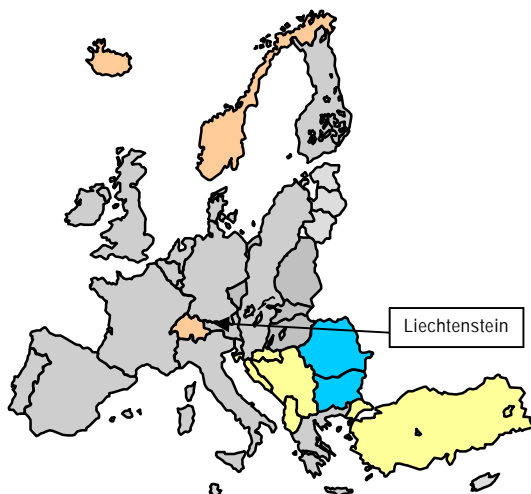


## Liechtenstein



The Principality of Liechtenstein was established in 1719; it became a sovereign state in 1806. Since 1919 the Principality has been in customs and monetary union with Switzerland (the Swiss franc is the national currency). The country is mountainous, sandwiched between Austria and Switzerland and its area is a mere 160 sq km. The population is 35,365 (2008) and the capital is Vaduz. The country is a constitutional monarchy, and there is a unicameral Parliament (*Landtag*) of 25 seats, elected by proportional representation for four-year terms.

Despite its small size and limited natural resources, Liechtenstein has developed into a prosperous, highly industrialised, free-enterprise economy with a vital financial service sector and living standards on a par with the urban areas of its large European neighbours. The Liechtenstein economy is widely diversified with a large number of small businesses, and dental products being a major export material.

Liechtenstein has been a member of the European Economic Area since May 1995.

## Healthcare

The main form of healthcare provision is mandatory insurance against the effects of diseases including accidents, similar to the system in Switzerland. The system is established by law, and is compulsory for everyone living in Liechtenstein, who pay a basic annual fee of approximately CHF 2,400 (€1,483). The patient pays 50% and the employer the other 50%. In addition the government pays approximately CHF 1,600 (€990) for each person.

|                              | Year       | Source |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|
| % GDP spent on health        | 9.2% 2004  | OECD   |
| % of this spent by governm't | 76.1% 2004 | OECD   |

|                | Year      | Source |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| DMFT at age 12 | 3.40 2004 | OECD   |

## Training

Liechtenstein's dentists are usually trained in Switzerland or Austria.

## Registration

Dentists from Liechtenstein or from EU/EEA partners, with a diploma from an EU/EEA University must (by a new law in 2003) be registered by the *Amt für Gesundheitsdienste*, a public authority. The annual registration fee in 2008 was CHF 1,000 (€620)

## Workforce (active)

## Dentists

All dentists in Liechtenstein work in general practice.

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Year of data:                | 2008 |
| Total Registered             | 41   |
| In active practice           | 41   |
| Dentist to population ratio* | 866  |
| Percentage female            | 20%  |
| Qualified overseas           | 41   |

\* active dentists only

## Specialists

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Year of data:     | 2008 |
| Orthodontics      | 2    |
| Endodontics       |      |
| Paedodontics      |      |
| Periodontics      | 1    |
| Prosthodontics    |      |
| Oral Radiologists |      |
| Oral Surgery      | 2    |
| OMFS              |      |

## Auxiliaries

Clinical dental auxiliaries are trained in dentists' offices and go to school in Switzerland. They are registered with the *Berufsbildungsamt*, another public authority. There is no fee payable to register.

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Year of data: | 2008 |
| Hygienists    | 5    |
| Technicians   | 14   |
| Denturists    |      |
| Assistants    | 80   |

Hygienists are trained in Switzerland, in the EU or the USA.

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Dental technicians and chairside assistants mainly are trained in Switzerland, and register with the *Berufsbildungsamt*. There are approximately 80 trained chairside assistants and 14 dental technicians. There is no fee for registration.

### Professional Matters

|                                  | Number | Year | Source |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|--------|
| Liechtenstein Dental Association | 26     | 2008 | LDA    |

The Liechtenstein Dental Association also had 46 guest members in 2008. There are also guest members, who practise outside Liechtenstein. The Association handles ethical issues and continuing education.

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