

HSE ORTHODONTIC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Grade 5 Treatment required

- 5.a** Increased overjet > 9 mm
- 5.h** Extensive hypodontia (2 or more teeth missing in any quadrant excluding third molars) requiring pre-restorative orthodontics. Amelogenesis imperfecta and other dental anomalies which require pre-prosthetic orthodontic care. Incisors lost due to trauma assessed on a case by case basis
- 5.i** Impeded eruption of teeth (apart from 3rd molars) due to crowding, displacement, the presence of supernumerary teeth, retained deciduous teeth, and any pathological cause
- 5.m** Reverse overjet > 3.5 mm with reported masticatory and speech difficulties
- 5.p** Defects of cleft lip and palate
- 5.s** Submerged deciduous teeth – arrange removal of teeth but orthodontic treatment not necessarily provided

Grade 4 Treatment required

- 4.b** Reverse overjet > 3.5 mm with no masticatory or speech difficulties
- 4.c** Anterior or posterior crossbites with > 2 mm discrepancy between the retruded contact position and intercuspal position
- 4.d** Severe displacements of anterior teeth > 4 mm but only with Aesthetic Component of 8 to 10 (see photographs below).
- 4.e** Extreme lateral or anterior open bites > 4 mm
- 4.f** Increased and complete overbite with gingival or palatal trauma
- 4.l** Posterior lingual crossbite with no functional occlusal contact in an entire buccal segment.
- 4.m** Reverse overjet > 1 mm but < 3.5 mm with recorded masticatory and speech difficulties

Aesthetic Component 8 – 10 NB applies to 4d Category only



Additional Eligibility Criteria – assessed on a case by case basis.

- Children who are in the care of the Health Service Executive and do not fall under any of the other eligibility criteria.
- Children with special needs who are referred by the primary dental care special needs service or a paediatric dental consultant.