THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

Dentist Cost in Christchurch

Published dental prices of six Christchurch practices, introductory offers, funding options and 5,256 Google reviews on 22 practice profiles. Checked on 18 November 2026.

FIRST CHECK-UP
$85 to $223
New patient exam with two x-rays at list price; $49 as an offer at Sydenham, Maidstone and Fendalton. [1] [2] [3] [4]

CHECK-UP AND CLEAN
$223 to $403
Colombo Street Dental to Christchurch Boutique Dental; SEO4 sums from listed prices. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

FILLING FROM
$230
Lowest listed small white filling; crowns from $1,200. [3] [4] [5] [6]

What the data shows

6 of the 22 most-reviewed dental profiles have a price list; 6 show one price or an offer; 10 show none, including the two most-reviewed. Only Team Dental says GST is included. [1] [2] [3] [4] [5]

5,256 Google reviews: 1,449 in the last 12 months, 1,255 answered. 1,195 mention price; 110 of 337 low reviews mention money, 43 of them at two practices. [9]

Method. We read practice websites and price pages, Google's AI Overview and every Google review on 22 Christchurch profiles. No practice was asked for a quote. [9]

01 / PRICE LISTS

Six published price lists

Most prices are “from” prices.

Practice	Exam	X-ray	Clean	Filling	Extraction
Team Dental	$114 (2 x-rays)	$30	$168	$263 / $365 / $456	$311; surgical $579
1 Health	$120 ($140 wkd)	$25	$165	$290 to $450	$300 to $450
Chch Boutique Dental	$125	$49	$180	$345 to $575	$345; surgical $695
Fendalton Dental	$85 (x-ray)	OPG $120	$193	$280	$370; surgical $595
Colombo Street Dental	$137	incl.	$197 / $223 combined	–	–
Dental Care on Barrington	$120 (2 x-rays)	incl.	–	$230	$250

Practice	Root canal	Crown
Team Dental	$1,070 / $1,390 / $1,880 (front / premolar / molar, excl. filling)	from $1,780
1 Health	$1,500 to $2,000	$1,500
Chch Boutique Dental	$1,650 to $2,900 (incl. filling)	from $1,890
Fendalton Dental	$1,100 to $1,800	from $1,200
Colombo Street Dental	–	$1,200 / $1,499

02 / OFFERS

The $49 check-up

New patient exam with two x-rays. Offers cover the exam only.

Practice	Offer	Src
Sydenham Dental Centre	$49; students $35; 10% off over $150 for Gold Card or CSC	[7]
Maidstone Dental	$49; 10% off for students and Gold Card	[8]
Fendalton Dental	$49 (list price $85)	[4]
Garden City Dental	“$40 Dental Exam”	[9]
Bush Dental	$69 (page description says $59)	[9]

What reviewers report after cheap exams: long treatment plans (three to five fillings) that a second dentist reduced or rejected; one $40 exam that cost three times as much; a $49 check-up with an extra x-ray. [9]

03 / HELP WITH THE BILL

Free and subsidised care

Public and grant options for Christchurch residents.

Option	Detail	Src
Under 18	Free basic care from Year 9 to the 18th birthday (adolescent scheme)	[10]
Work and Income	Special Needs Grant up to $1,000 in 52 weeks for immediate and essential treatment; not repaid	[11]
Hospital Dental Service	Relief of pain for people on an MSD benefit: $20 consult and x-ray, $20 treatment; 2 Oxford Tce, 03 364 0250	[10]
ACC	Accident damage to teeth; some practices add a part charge	[9]
Quote visit for WINZ	$95 (Boutique), $137 assessment (Colombo Street)	[3] [5]

Get it in writing
Ask for a written treatment plan with prices before any work beyond the check-up. An estimate should generally be within 10 to 15% of the bill; a quote is fixed. You can take your x-rays to another dentist for a second opinion.

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

5,256 reviews

Every Google review on 22 Christchurch dental profiles, 18 November 2026.

Three practices to call first

Google rating 4.8+, 100+ reviews, a full price list online, 70%+ of last year's reviews answered; ranked by new reviews.

Practice	Phone	Average, reviews	New (answered)
1. Fendalton Dental	03 351 1188	4.9, 257	170 (167)
2. Christchurch Boutique Dental	03 925 9929	5.0, 325	77 (77)
3. Team Dental Bealey Ave	03 595 0738	4.8, 142	46 (45)

SEO4 Price Score

Practice	Score	Practice	Score
Christchurch Boutique Dental	14/16	Riccarton Dental Studio / Studio Dental	8/16
Team Dental Riccarton / Bealey Ave	12/16	Smile Concepts / Carlton / Duxton	7/16
1 Health	11/16	Sydenham / Bush / Essential	6/16
Fendalton Dental	11/16	Pathway / Lumino CBD / Church Corner	5/16
Colombo Street / Maidstone	9/16	Smilesville 4; G&E / Garden City 3; Hornby 2	

None of these practices are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 18 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about the quality of dentistry. [9]

05 / HOW TO PAY A FAIR PRICE

Ask before you sit down

Dental prices compare only when you know what each one includes.

Five questions on the phone
How much is the exam, and are x-rays included? What does a clean cost and how long is it? What does a small filling cost? Is GST included? Can I have a written treatment plan with prices before you start?

Work out your own visit with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/dentist-cost-christchurch**. Practices that want a clearer price page can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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