INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS AND PARENTS OR CARERS

Replacement **retainers**

What to do if a retainer is lost, broken or worn out

PORTADOWN ORTHODONTICS

Why you may **need a replacement**

- Retainers need to be **worn for life** to keep your teeth straight.
- If a retainer is **lost, broken or worn out**, you will need a replacement.

How much **does it cost?**

£105
1 retainer (upper or lower)

£210
1 set (upper and lower)

- **Multi-buy:** 2 sets £380 (save £40), 3 sets £510 (save £120).
- If you have worn your retainer within the last week and it was fitting well, we can send it off to be made from your last scan, so you only need a fit appointment (prepayment required). Otherwise, we will need to take a new scan.

Who checks **your retainers?**

After brace treatment, you are **discharged back to your own dentist**. Your dentist checks your retainers at your regular check-ups.

How to **get a replacement**

- **Use our online form:** fill in the Lost or broken retainer form on our website (Contact us > Lost or broken retainer). Our admin team will get in touch. The costs above apply for a replacement retainer from us.
  portadownorthodontics.co.uk/lost-retainer.html
- Or go back to your **regular dentist**. They may be able to make replacement retainers. The cost may vary.

Do not wait. If a retainer is lost or broken, get a replacement as soon as possible. Your teeth can move quickly without a retainer.

If your **teeth move**

- If your teeth move, a retainer **may no longer fit**. A new retainer will not move your teeth back to their straight position, but it will stop them moving to an even worse position.
- You may then need **more treatment** to straighten your teeth again (retreatment).
- You can book **private retreatment** with us if needed. This is not covered by the health service, so private fees will apply.

Questions?

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Please have your name and date of birth ready when you contact us.