THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY OF THE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

Regulations for the Specialist Fellowship Diploma of the Faculty of Dentistry,
The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in Oral Surgery with Oral Medicine

FFDRCSI (OSOM)

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet contains the Regulations relating to the Specialist Fellowship Diploma of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in Oral Surgery with Oral Medicine, FFDRCSI (OSOM)

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The Specialist Fellowship Diploma of the Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in Oral Surgery with Oral Medicine - FFDRCSI (OSOM) - may be granted to those who possess a dental qualification registrable in the Register of Dentists for Ireland and to graduates or diplomates in Dental Science of those universities and other licensing bodies recognised for the purpose (i.e. those that admit candidates to Temporary Registration in Ireland and UK) and who comply with the Regulations.

2. The requirements to present for the examination in the Specialist Fellowship, FFDRCSI (OSOM) are:
   a. FDS, MFD/MFDS or equivalent and should be in good standing in relation to the maintenance of the RCSI annual subscription. Candidates unable to offer these qualifications will have to show evidence of passing a written postgraduate examination in basic dental sciences.
   b. Evidence of satisfactory completion of three years full-time (or part-time equivalent not normally exceeding six years) recognised training in Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine in an institution or hospital acceptable to the Faculty. Candidates are required to submit certified, documented evidence of their training. It is anticipated that this examination would normally be taken close to the date of completion of training.

3. The dates of the examination and the fees payable for admission to the examination are set out in the examination calendars, which are published annually by the College and are available on the Faculty of Dentistry website [http://dentistry.rcsi.ie]. The examination is conducted in the English language.

4. For FFD exam eligibility queries, we would advise you to do the following:
   - Email your current CV
   - Send a formal copy of your qualifications to date and letters confirming any training you have undertaken to the Faculty office at facdentistry@rcsi.ie
• You will also need to send the Faculty a note from your Consultant confirming your clinical competence.

N.B. Prior approval must be received from the Faculty office before sitting an FFD examination.

If you are considered eligible to sit an FFD examination, you must log on to the Postgraduate Examinations System to formally apply for the examination. However, you cannot formally apply online for an FFD examination without prior approval from the Faculty office.

Prior to formally applying for the FFD examination, please ensure that you carefully read the following information that can be found on our Faculty website (http://dentistry.rcsi.ie)

- Exam regulations
- Exam Rules of Conduct

Due to the large number of candidates applying to take these examinations, it is essential that the following points are read and adhered to:

1. If the Faculty considers that you are eligible to sit an FFD examination, you must log on to the Postgraduate Examinations system to formally apply for your chosen examination.

2. The full fee must then be paid online by credit card.

3. You will be asked to scan and upload a passport photograph.

4. You will be asked to scan your official letter of prior approval from the Faculty office.

5. This formal online application must be received by the SARA Department (Student Academic and Regulatory Affairs) on or before the closing date of the examination.

6. Once your online application has been processed you will receive official confirmation, along with your examination number.

7. The SARA Department will be in contact with you prior to the examination regarding further details of venues, timetables, etc.

You are welcome to make enquiries by telephone or email us with regard to any examination applications you are making to this Faculty.

Email: facdentistry@rcsi.ie, Phone: +353 (0)1 402 2239 / 2256.
5. Candidates withdrawing from an examination must do so in writing before the closing date. The entrance fee will be returned less a 20% administrative charge. Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date or who fail to attend the examination for which they have been accepted will not normally be entitled to any refund of the fee. Refusal of the employing authority to allow leave to attend the examination will not be accepted as qualifying for any refund after the closing date. A refund on medical grounds, even if there is a medical certificate, is not normally allowed. Applications for consideration on medical or compassionate grounds must be supported by the Consultant or Dean responsible for training and must be submitted to the College with any accompanying evidence within 28 days of commencement of the examination.

6. The College or Board of the Faculty reserves absolute discretion to refuse to admit to the examination, proceed with the examination of, any candidate who (a) infringes any of the Regulations or (b) who is considered by the Examiners to be acting in a manner prejudicial to the proper management and conduct of the examination or (c) whose conduct has rendered them in the College’s or Board’s opinion, unsuitable for conferral with the Diploma of Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (See Appendix 1)

7. Candidates who desire to make representation with regard to the conduct of the examination must address them to the Examinations Office of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland within 1 month of the examination and not in any circumstances to an examiner. Representation will then be dealt with according to the policy agreed by the College.

8. The Specialist Fellowship Diploma in Oral Surgery with Oral Medicine of the Faculty of Dentistry, RCSI is registrable in the Register of Dentists for Ireland as an additional qualification provided that the name of the holder already appears in that Register. Details regarding the registration of the diploma may be obtained from the Registrar, Irish Dental Council, 57 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The Diploma does not entitle the holder to admission to the Register of Dental Specialists in Ireland.
9. Candidates who consider that their experience is equivalent to the training set out above, but who do not comply exactly with these rules, may apply for special consideration by submitting full details in writing at least three months before the closing date of the examination to the Education Committee, Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. A final decision will rest with the Board of the Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

THE EXAMINATION

10. **Part A**

Part A will consist of an examination in the **General Principles of Medicine and Surgery**.

The part A examination consists of the following components:

a) **A written paper**

The three hour written paper will consist of a combination of:

- Essay Questions
- Multiple Short Answer (MSA) Questions

b) **A simulated clinical examination.**

The simulated clinical examination will involve the taking of an observed history from at least two patients for which 10 minutes will be allowed, followed by a 10 minute oral for each patient.

Candidates who hold a medical degree eligible for registration in Ireland or the UK are exempt from Part A. Any candidate who has passed this section within the last 4 diets of the Fellowship will also be exempt.

**Part B**

The examination will cover the broad range of Oral Surgery with relevant Maxillofacial Surgery and a good working knowledge of Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and relevant Radiology.

The examination consists of the following components:
a) **A three hour written paper** to encompass all aspects of the principles and practice of Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine. The written paper will consist of a combination of:
- Essay Questions
- Multiple Short Answer (MSA) Questions

b) **A simulated clinical examination.** Candidates will be required to take an observed history from at least two patients for which 10 minutes will be allowed followed by a 20 minute oral examination for each station. In addition a series of OSCE type questions will be set to examine a wide range of knowledge.

c) **Two oral examinations of 15 minutes each.** One shall be on the subject of human disease relevant to oral surgery, the other on appropriate aspects of Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine, which may include discussion of the relevant current literature. Normally there will be two examiners present during each clinical and oral examination.

**RECOGNISED HOSPITALS**

11. The clinical appointments required by Regulations may be held at the following institutions:

(a) Hospitals or institutions which have been recognised for training in relevant specialities by the Surgical Royal Colleges of Ireland and UK.

(b) In relation to hospitals or institutions not covered in Sections (a), candidates may submit their record of experience in detail to the Education Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry for consideration.
SYLLABUS

The candidate is expected to be conversant with all aspects of Minor Oral Surgery, Temporomandibular Joint Disorders, Facial Trauma, Oral Cancer and Orthognathic Surgery. A sound knowledge in relation to the diagnosis and management of Oral Ulceration, Bullous Disorders, White Lesions, Salivary Gland Disorders, Facial Pain and the Medically Compromised Patient would also be expected.
Appendix 1

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND
Coláiste Rioga na Máinlea in Éirinn

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, RCSI

Exam Title

Date

Examination Number

Before the Examination

• Place your ID card face-up and clearly visible on your assigned desk.
• Electronic devices are not permitted in the examination. All devices should be handed in to the College representative.
• All other personal belongings should be placed in the area designed by the College representative.
• Please do not communicate with any other candidates following entry into the examination venue. If you have any queries seek the advice of an invigilator by raising your hand.
• You may read the front cover of the examination paper.

During the Examination

• All answers to questions must be written clearly.
• If you have any queries seek the advice of an invigilator by raising your hand.
• Please do not communicate to any other candidates during the examination.

At the End of the Examination

• Make sure that your exam number is clearly marked on each answer sheet/booklet(s).
• Exam papers to be returned along with your answer sheet/booklets.
• Remain at your desk at the end of the exam until your script has been collected by the invigilator.
• As soon as your script has been collected you may leave the examination venue making sure to take your personal belongings with you.

Examples of Examination Offences

• Opening the exam paper before the exam has commenced.
• Having unauthorised items either on your person, in the vicinity of your desk or in the examination venue including the toilets.
• Communicating in any manner with other candidates in the examination venue.
• Having an electronic device on your person at any time when in the examination venue including the toilets.
• Continuing to write after the end of the exam has been announced.
• Removing any used or unused answer books, exam papers or any other
examination stationary from the examination venue, even temporarily.
- Ignoring or disobeying any other instructions given by an invigilator or member of the Student, Academic and Regulatory Affairs office.

**Penalties for Examination Offences**

**Examination offences are taken extremely seriously.** Anyone either suspected of or caught committing an examination offence will be reported immediately to the Faculty and College Authorities. Further action may be taken.

The penalties for examination offences include (but are not restricted to) the following:
- Expulsion or suspension from the examination.
- Failure to be credited with any marks obtained in the examination prior to the detection of the examination offence.
- Deferral of further attempts to sit the examination.

The above applies to all parts of the examination. By signing below, I confirm that I have read and fully understand the contents of this document.

Signature: Date: