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Faculty of Dentistry Regulations for:-

Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry



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1. General Regulations

The General Diplomas of the Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in the disciplines outlined in this document 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.

The requirements to present for the examinations are outlined below.

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://facultyofdentistry.ie>. The examination is conducted in the English language.

Applications must be made online through <https://postgradexams.rcsi.ie/>

Prior to formally applying, please ensure that you carefully read the following information that can be found on our Faculty [website](#)

- Exam regulations
- Exam Rules of Conduct

The online application must be received by the SARA Department (Student Academic and Regulatory Affairs) on or before the closing date of the examination. Once applications have reached the maximum quota, which may be in advance of the advertised closing date, no further applications will be accepted.

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

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

The required certificates and the full amount of the fee payable for the examination must accompany applications for admission to an examination.

Candidates should make themselves familiar with the Examination Policies available on our [website](#)

Candidates withdrawing from an examination must adhere to the examination policies regarding withdrawal.

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/Membership of Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Candidates who wish to appeal should review the appeals policy



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2. Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry

MFD RCSI Entry Requirements & Examination Format

MFD RCSI – Entry Requirements

The requirements to present for the examination of Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry RCSI, MFDRCSI are:

The requirements to present for the examination of MFD RCSI are as follows:

MFD Part 1

Candidates can present for MFD Part 1 examination at any stage following graduation from Dental School

MFD Part 2

Candidates should normally be a minimum of 12 months graduated from Dental School when presenting for MFD Part 2

Possession of MFD Part 1 or equivalent (Part 1MFDS, MJDF) **OR** possession of the Diploma of Primary Care Dentistry [DipPCDRCSI]

CPR:

CPR Certificate completed within two years. Certificates **must** be valid on the date that the exam takes place. Out of date BLS certificates will not be accepted.

Exemptions from MFD Part 1

Candidates who have completed a three year Specialty Training Programme and are 5 years qualified following graduation intending to present for MFD Part 2 will be exempt MFD Part 1.

MFD – Examination Format

Notes

The MFD Examination is intended to provide evidence of knowledge, experience and clinical competence of general professional training beyond that recognised by the primary dental qualification. Award of the Diploma will indicate that the candidate has enhanced his/her knowledge and understanding well beyond the primary qualification level to the standard required to proceed into specialist training.

The MFD Diploma Examination has two Parts, Part 1 and Part 2.

There is reciprocity between both parts of the MFD RCSI examination and both parts of the MFDS of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow MJDFRCSEng.

Components	Description
Part 1	Part 1 of the examination consists of one three-hour examination paper which is composed of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">75 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) each consisting of a stem and five branches, with each branch being independently TRUE or FALSE



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Single Best Answer Questions (SBAs) each consisting of five statements with only one correct answer. <p>Part 1 will examine both Section 1 and Section 2 of the MFD RCSI syllabus. Candidates being awarded either a pass or a fail. The paper in Part 1 will each contain 50% of the questions from Section 1 and 50% of questions from Section 2 of the syllabus.</p> <p>Candidates must pass Part 1 and have completed the requirements below (or be entitled to an exemption as noted in these regulations) before they may sit Part 2.</p>
Part 2	The MFD RSCI Part 2 examination consists of:
STRUCTURED CLINICAL ASSESSMENT(WRITTEN PAPER)	Structured Clinical Case Assessment of up to 12 short model cases requiring application of specialist-level clinical knowledge. (1 Hour Duration)
OBSERVED STATION	There will be two observed stations that may contain simulated clinical events. Knowledge of patient examination, communication, diagnosis and treatment planning may be examined. Specialist knowledge is not required.
VIVA	<p>Two, fifteen-minute oral examinations. The orals will be structured to assess both applied basic sciences and clinical skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates will be awarded a pass or fail.
CPR	CPR <u>will no longer be</u> a mandatory must pass OSCE station for the Part 2 MFD examinations. It will be maintained as an observed station from time to time.
Award of the Diploma	<p>To be eligible for the award of the Diploma all candidates must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess a primary dental qualification that is acceptable to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland • Have obtained a pass in MFD Part 2 • Have complied with all the regulations
Limitation on Attempts	Please note that candidates will normally be allowed a maximum of 5 attempts within 5 years to successful complete the MFD Part 2 examination.
Procedure for successful candidates applying for Membership of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	The candidate, after having passed all parts of the examinations for the Diploma of Member of the Faculty of Dentistry, shall be given a Notice subscribing his/her name to the Bye-Laws and the required declaration; that it rests with the Board of Faculty to confer upon them the Diploma of Member; and that until the granting of such a Diploma by the Board, they are not in any circumstances, entitled to make use of the letters MFDRCS Irel. After their name, or to exercise any other rights conferred by the membership.



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The successful candidate's name will be added to a list referred to the Dental Register of Ireland for registration of the candidate's diploma as an additional registrable qualification.

When conferred by the Board of Faculty, the successful candidate shall receive a Diploma bearing the seal of the College and the Diploma shall state that such Member has been successful in the examination.

Every Member shall pay each year such annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Faculty with the concurrence of the College Council.



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APPENDIX I

Candidate Code of Conduct



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

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



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- 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: