

# **THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH**

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DIPLOMA OF MEMBERSHIP IN ENDODONTICS (M Endo RCSEd), PERIODONTICS (M Perio RCSEd), and PROSTHODONTICS (M Pros RCSEd)**

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### **Regulations**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1** This document contains the Regulations for the Diploma in Membership in Endodontics, Periodontics or Prosthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Further information can be obtained from the Examination Section:

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[www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

**1.2** These Regulations embrace the three single specialities of Restorative Dentistry which are Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics. Candidates are asked to state which one of these three specialities is to be their nominated subject when applying for the Examination.

**1.3** All parts of the examination are conducted in English.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THE EXAMINATION**

**2.1** Each of the Diplomas of Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is a summative assessment of core knowledge and competence in each of the three single specialties of Endodontics, Periodontics and fixed and removable Prosthodontics respectively, as defined in the Learning Outcomes. It is intended to test the candidate's competency at a level expected of a specialist practitioner.

### **Aims**

- To allow the candidate to demonstrate a core knowledge of restorative dentistry
- To allow the candidate to demonstrate a level of competence in the planning and execution general Restorative Dentistry and, especially, in one of the three specialties of Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics.

## **3. STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION**

**3.1** The Examination consists of seven parts. For exemptions please see item 14 of these Regulations.

The examination will be held in the UK and overseas according to demand.

**3.2** The Examination will consist of:

**3.2.1** a three hour written paper in general Restorative Dentistry;

**3.2.2** a three hour written paper in the candidate's nominated subject;

**3.2.3** a 30 minute structured oral examination in General Restorative Dentistry but with an emphasis on the candidate's nominated subject;

**3.2.4** a 15 minute structured oral examination in aspects of General Restorative Dentistry related to diagnosis and treatment planning following a 30 minute assessment of a set of patient records;

**3.2.5** a 15 minute structured oral examination in the candidate's nominated subject related to diagnosis and treatment planning following a 30 minute assessment of a set of patient records;

**3.2.6** a structured oral examination of 30 minutes duration based on four fully documented cases each describing a patient personally treated by the candidate;

**3.2.7** the four fully documented cases will be examined prior to the oral examination as noted in 3.2.6.

#### **4. ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**4.1** To be eligible to enter for the Diploma examination all candidates **must** provide certified evidence of:

**4.1.1** Possession of a primary dental qualification that is acceptable to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

**4.1.2** Award of the Membership in Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics of the RCS Edinburgh is dependent on evidence that the candidate will have completed a period of three years full-time (or part-time equivalent) in appropriate posts, courses and programmes of training. Candidates may, however, enter themselves for examination after two and a half years (or part-time equivalent). The training should preferably be continuous but in some cases breaks in training may be permitted. The total training period should not normally exceed six years. Part-time posts, courses and programmes will not normally be approved if they are less than half-time.

#### **5. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA**

**5.1** To be eligible for the award of the Diploma all candidates **must** provide evidence of having complied with all the parts of the Regulations and passed the examination.

#### **6. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION**

**6.1** Applications for admission to the examination must be completed fully with the required certified evidence and accompanied by the full amount of the fee payable for the examination.

**6.2** Applications for the examination must be received by the closing date specified in the examinations' calendar. Applications received after the closing date will not normally be processed.

**6.3** Applications for the examination can be downloaded from the College website and should be sent to the Examination Section of the College; applications can also be made on-line through the College website. Further information regarding the examination can be downloaded from the College Website [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk) or obtained from the following address:

Examinations Section, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The Adamson Centre, 3 Hill Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9DS, Scotland: Telephone No +44 (0) 131 527 1600; [dental.exams@rcsed.ac.uk](mailto:dental.exams@rcsed.ac.uk); [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

## **7. RESULTS**

7.1 Results will be posted on the College website and distributed by post.

## **8. FEEDBACK**

8.1 Candidates will be given written feedback on their performance as appropriate and where requested.

## **9. LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS**

9.1 Under normal circumstances the maximum number of times a candidate may sit the examination is three unless there are extenuating circumstances.

## **10. INFRINGEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS**

10.1 The College may refuse to admit to the examination, or may not allow to proceed with the examination, any candidate who infringes any of the regulations or who is considered by the examiners to be guilty of behaviour prejudicial to the proper management and conduct of the examination. Examples of such infringements are as follows:

10.1.1 Entry to the examination being attempted by making false claims about eligibility or falsifying entry documentation, including the submission of case presentations or a log book containing plagiarised or incorrect content. The College reserves the right to make checks to validate any information or documents supplied by the candidate.

10.1.2 Unfair advantage being sought or obtained: by possession of material during an examination that might give advantage (including electronic communication devices); by plagiarism of any description; by communicating or attempting to communicate with another candidate once the examination has commenced; or by refusing to follow instructions given by examiners or examinations staff regarding the conduct and procedure of the examination;

10.1.3 Removal of, or an attempt, to remove from the examination room, any confidential examination material;

10.1.4 Any attempt to obtain confidential information relating to the examination from an examiner or examination officials;

10.1.5 Passing confidential information on the content of the examination to a third party.

10.2 This list is not exhaustive. Further information can be obtained from the guidelines on suspected malpractice available on the College website [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

## **11. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS**

11.1 The formal written appeal must be received no later than the later of either; four weeks after the date on which the examination was conducted, or two weeks after the date of which the result of the examination was announced on the College website. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the appeal being denied. Details of the appeals process can be found on the College website: [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

## **12. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EXAMINATION**

**12.1** Any candidate who wishes to withdraw an application for admission to any part of the examination must submit a request in writing to the College. A refund of the fee paid may be made (less an administrative fee of 20%), provided that notice of an intention to withdraw is received by the Examinations Section before the closing date by which applications are due, as shown in the examinations calendar. Refunds are not normally made to any candidate who withdraws after the closing date. Candidates should refer to the document "Advice to Candidates" which can be downloaded from the College Website or obtained from the Information Section.

**12.2** Any candidate who wishes to withdraw an application for admission to any part of the examination on medical grounds and request a refund must submit a request in writing to the College, accompanied by a medical certificate. An application for consideration of a refund on compassionate grounds should be supported by full details, plus a supporting letter from an appropriate professional. Each such application must be submitted to the Examinations Section within 28 days following the date of the candidate's programmed examination date.

**12.3** The College reserves the right to review admission to the examination on an individual basis in exceptional circumstances.

## **13. CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

**13.1** Special examination and other assessment arrangements may be made for candidates with permanent or temporary disability. These arrangements are intended to allow candidates to perform to the best of their ability. It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the Examinations Section when they submit their application of any special circumstances. Applications for special consideration must be supported by written evidence in the form of a medical report from their General Practitioner for medical conditions (an educational psychologist's report is required for requests for extra time because of dyslexia). Details can be found on the College website: [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

## **14. EXEMPTIONS**

**14.1** Exemption from that part of the Examination which relates to the four fully documented case histories may be granted to candidates who have previously failed the Membership in Restorative Dentistry Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, if their presented material and performance in the related oral examination has satisfied the examiners. This exemption will be restricted to two further diets of the candidate's choice.

## **15. PROOF OF IDENTITY AT THE EXAMINATION**

**15.1** Candidates must bring their passports to each part of the examination. Exceptionally, candidates who are not in a position to provide a passport must produce an official document that includes their name, signature and a current photograph e.g. current photographic driving licence.

**15.2** For the purpose of visual identification, any candidate sitting any examination may be required to remove any clothing and/or other item which covers all, or part of, the candidate's face. The College will observe sensitivity in the visual identification of candidates.

**15.3** To facilitate the assessment of non-verbal communication skills and interaction with the examiner, the College reserves the right to require candidates to remove any clothing and/or other item which covers all, or part of, the candidate's face.

## **16. DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE**

**16.1** A candidate who passes the Examination shall be entitled to the designation of Member in Endodontics (M Endo RCSEd), Periodontics (M Perio RCSEd) or Prosthodontics (M Pros RCSEd) of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and shall receive a diploma bearing the seal of the College signed by the President, the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery and the Secretary to the College. The form of the diploma shall be as follows:

"The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh hereby grant the Diploma of Membership in Endodontics, Periodontics or Prosthodontics ..... who has completed the required form of study and passed the necessary examination majoring in the subject of ....."

Successful candidates will be granted Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the College on payment of such election fee and annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Council of the College. Members of the Faculty of Dental Surgery may participate in Faculty and College educational and social activities.

## **17. CURRICULUM**

**17.1** The curriculum for the Examination is defined by the Learning Outcomes.

## **18. LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**18.1** The Learning Outcomes (Appendix A) are available on the General Dental Council website at

**Endodontics:**

<http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Specialistlist/Documents/EndodonticsCurriculum.pdf>

**Periodontics:**

<http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Specialistlist/Documents/PeriodonticsCurriculum.pdf>

**Prosthodontics:**

<http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Specialistlist/Documents/ProsthodonticsCurriculum.pdf>

**19. BLUEPRINT** (Appendix B)

**20 GUIDE TO CANDIDATES** (Appendix C)

**22 DECLARATION FORM** (Appendix D)

**23 CONSENT FORM** (Appendix E)