

Guidelines for Accreditation and Training in General Dentistry

1. Introduction

This is a document for the non-specialist training and accreditation for general dentists in Hong Kong.

General Dentistry is defined as the evaluation, diagnosis, prevention and/or treatment (non-surgical, surgical or related procedures) of diseases, disorders and/or conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area and/or the adjacent and associated structures and their impact on the human body; provided by a dentist, within the scope of his/her education, training and experience, in accordance with the ethics of the profession and applicable law. *

We understand the provision of clinical dental service is shouldered by general dentists and specialists. It is always stressed that Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is essential for maintaining high standard of care.

In term of CPD, specialist training is usually institution-based so as to cope with societal demand of extremely high standard. However, General Dental Practitioners (GDP) tend to favour CPD by a system which is flexible in time and place and can be accessible from various training institutes, be it local or overseas, More importantly, the qualifications should be recognizable so as to let public be aware of their effort and the attained Competence Standards (CS).

That also explains why some overseas imported examination oriented qualifications are so popular in the local dental community.

We also notice that there is a global trend that dentists, dental organizations and leaders are striving for clinical excellence and quality service by

•Identifying Competence Standards (CS) and best practice in clinical practice,

• Defining the Competence Standards of generalist and specialist and the provision of a systematic training plan and pathway for ALL dentists,

•Establishing an academic home for Specialist and GDP and

•Increasing awareness of quality dentistry through education and health promotion to patients.

Recent developments in the GDP training provoke deep thought by the local academia, professional and statutory organizations regarding the establishment of local GDP academic home and a Qualification Framework (QF) with well structured education programs for acquiring clinical and practice related competences.

The purpose is to ensure the quality of examination outcome and hence quality of care.

In February 2007, the Council of the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong set up a Preparatory Committee for GDP (PCGDP). Its functions are

•To provide the Council with the information regarding the background and the present situation of GDP training in Hong Kong

•To recommend the Council a qualification framework (QF)for GDP within the CDSHK

•To recommend the Council on the organization structure for maintaining such qualification framework

The 'Guidelines for Accreditation and Training in General Dentistry' is the research outcome of the Preparatory Committee for GDP. It is submitted to the Council and is adopted in principle on 22nd March, 2007.

Prepared by Committee of General Dentistry 2007

*As modified and adopted by the 1997 American Dental Association- House of Delegates

2. Qualification Framework on General Dentistry (QF GD)

Introduction

Given the challenges in the assuring quality dental health care to patient, a QF GD may be able to solve the most important issue i.e. the benchmarking of competencies standards, its attainment and maintenance.

A QF GD also allows diversity on mode of training for dentists and cooperation between internationally reputable organizations and local statutory bodies in conducting examination without sacrificing autonomy in defining context and format of recognition.

Qualification Framework (QF)

The QF is a hierarchy that orders and supports qualifications of academic, vocational and continuing education.

In the meantime, we focus on the level of competencies that are relevant to general dentists of at least 36 months of practice experience. A Diploma of Membership in General Dentistry will be granted to successful candidates.

The competence standards (CS) also provide guidance for young dentists in formulating their early vocational training plan.

All specialists are general dentists at the beginning and the QF GD will lay the strongest foundation for who aspires to proceed to specialist training.

The organization within CDSHK to maintain the QF GD is the Committee of General Dentistry (CGD).

Competency Standards (CS)

To strengthen the profession leading role in the development of postgraduate training so as to enhance the effectiveness of the latter, Competence Standards (CS) should be formulated by the relevant statutory bodies such as CDSHK.

These competency standards represent the profession benchmarks for the skills, knowledge and attributes required to perform to a satisfactory level.

There are two domains in competence for GDP, namely clinical competency and practice related competences. General Practice differs from traditional technique dominant specialties that practice related competences occupy a significant portion of a quality GDP. Effort should be invested in this aspect and the practitioner should be assessed in depth.

To ensure continued relevance of the CS, CDSHK must review and update the CS regularly to keep abreast of the latest developments. Minor amendments to the competence standards may also be required regularly.

Credit Point System (CPS)

Since CS-based programs are developed with units of competence in form of credit points. Trainees may have their qualifications including qualifications obtained from formal studies accumulated and move along the ladder of progression without the need to start from scratch.

The CS also provides clear progression pathways whereby trainees may draw up their own career development plans.

Training and Examination

After the CS has been formulated, training providers will be able to design education programs that would help trainees achieve the specified competence standards. As the competence standards were developed by CDSHK locally, the relevance of the education programs to the requirements of the profession would be ensured.

Upon completion of CS-based programs in form of taught modules and the requisite examination, trainees will possess skills that can be objectively measured.

Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)

Under the QF, qualifications are not confined to local academic and training attainment. A Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) mechanism developed by CGD is in place to recognize existing dentists' skills, knowledge and work experience.

To facilitate lifelong learning, dentists require flexibility in the mode and pattern of learning to cater for their work and family responsibilities. A Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) system will provide the flexibility to suit individual circumstances and minimize duplication in training.

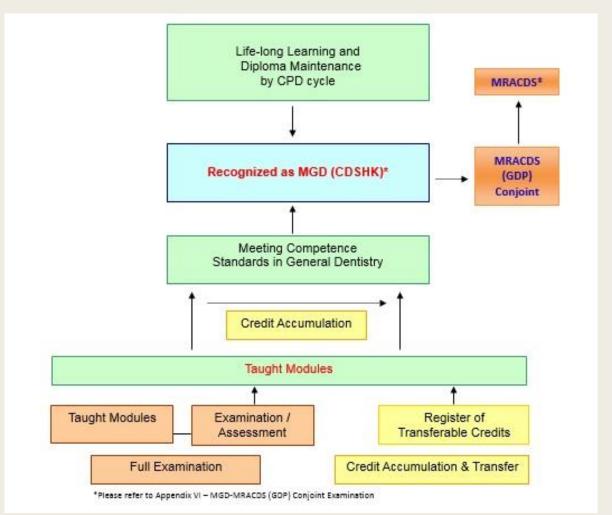
With a CAT system, trainees can systematically accumulate the credits of learning and training gained from various courses with a view to converting the accumulated credits to fulfill the requirements of the Membership in General Dentistry examination from CDSHK. The development of a Register of Transferable Credit (RTC) will facilitate CAT arrangement between bodies granting local and overseas qualifications by providing a unified platform and common benchmarks.

Life-long Learning by CPD cycle

To make the QF relevant to current general practice, holders of the Diploma of Membership in General Dentistry should commit to life-long learning by entering into CDSHK CPD cycle for Diploma maintenance. The Qualification Framework on General Dentistry (QF GD) is depicted in Figure 1.

Under the present QF GD, the aim for the candidate is to obtain the Diploma of Membership in General Dentistry, which can be achieved by:

- 1. Passing the full MGD Examination, or
- 2. Credit Accumulation and Transfer and passing the relevant parts of the MGD Examination.



*MGD (CDSHK) - Candidates are required to submit a "Letter of Good Standing" before they are eligible to apply for MGD. (issued within 6 months of the submission date of the MGD application to the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong)

MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL DENTISTRY (HONG KONG)

-Abbreviated as MGD (CDSHK)

香港牙科醫學院牙科院員

Clinical Competences

Domain 1- Assessment of the Patient and the Oral Environment

Domain 2- Establishment and Maintenance of a Healthy Oral Environment

Domain 3- Rehabilitation of Form, Function and Aesthetics

Practice Related Competences

- **Domain 4- Professionalism**
- **Domain 5- Practice Organization**
- **Domain 6- Health Promotion**

DOMAIN II - ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A HEALTHY ORAL ENVIRONMENT

MAJOR COMPETENCE 6 – TREATMENT OF PULPAL DISEASES

MGD must be able to identify and treat diseases of pulpal and peri-radicular regions.

Supporting competences:

- 6.01 Describe the symptoms of pulpal and periapical diseases
- 6.02 Perform correct and appropriate pre-operative assessment
- 6.03 Understand the principles and able to carry out procedures to maintain pulpal vitality
- 6.04 Perform non-surgical endodontic treatment on uncomplicated single and multi-rooted teeth in the primary and permanent dentition
- 6.05 Recognize the indications for periapical surgery and identify complicated non-surgical root canal treatment cases
- 6.06 Perform adequate restoration to the endodontically treated teeth
- 6.07 State the common complications of endodontic treatment and their prevention
- 6.08 Collaborate or refer patients to other relevant specialists, as necessary

MAJOR COMPETENCE 9 – MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCIES

MGD must be able to recognize and manage dental and medical emergency situations encountered in general dental practice

Supporting competences:

9.01	Develop and implement effective strategies for managing medical emergencies in general dental practice including basic and advanced life support protocol
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- 9.02 Diagnose and manage medical and dental emergencies in general dental practice
- 9.03 Enable all staff and maintain appropriate hardware for managing medical and dental emergencies

DOMAIN V - PRACTICE ORGANISATION

MAJOR COMPETENCE 25 – INFECTION CONTROL

MGD must be able to manage and maintain a safe general practice.

Supporting competences:

- 25.01 Establish a personal and professional philosophy of dentistry which is consistent with his/her goals
- 25.02 Understand and implement appropriate contemporary infection control guidelines and procedures in the practice to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases
- 25.03 Identify the occupational hazards and manage and maintain a safe working environment with regard to health and safety
- 25.04 Describe principles of risk management and quality assurance
- 25.05 Practice clinical ergonomics, ensure hardware and facility are of quality and accessible to patient
- ^{25.06} Protect the confidentiality of patient record and data



Provisional Lecture Content

2018-2020 MGD Training Programme - Provisional Lecture Content

Module	Major Competences	Торіс	Lecture Date	Speaker	Total Hrs
		2018 MGD Training Orientation Lecture	6 May 2018 (PM)	Dr Bun Ka Yiu	2
		Introduction for the Training Programme of MGD		Dr Raymond Lee	0.5
	1 - examination of the patient			or naymond Lee	0.5
P1	2 - oral diagnosis	Treatment Planning Considerations in General Dentistry	30 Sep 2018 (AM)	Dr Haston Liu	2.5
	3 - treatment planning	,			
P1		Preparation of Clinical Log Case (By full exam candidates)	30 Sep 2018 (PM)	Dr Philip Ng	2
P4	7 - management of periodontal diseases	Management of periodontal diseases	28 Oct 2018 (AM)	Dr Simon Ho	3
P3	6 - treatment of pulpal diseases	Treatment of Pulpal and Periradicular Diseases	28 Oct 2018 (PM)	Dr Robert Ng	3
CP5	8 - dental-alveolar surgery and therapeutics	a/ Dentoalveolar Surgery	25 Nov 2018 (AM)	Dr Mike Leung	3
DP1	4 - dental imaging	Dental Imaging	25 Nov 2018 (PM)	Dr Thomas Li	3
CP6	10 - musculoskeletal and occlusal therapy	Musculoskeletal and Occlusal Therapy	30 Dec 2018 (AM)	Dr Winnie Choi	3
CP5	8 - dental-alveolar surgery and therapeutics	b/ Dental Therapeutics	30 Dec 2018 (PM)	Dr Richie Yeung	3
				Di Kichie Teung	
CP10	14 - management of paediatric patients	Management of Paediatric Patients	Jan 2019 (AM)		3
CP2	5 - pain and anxiety management	Pain and Anxiety Management	Jan 2019 (PM)		3
CP7	11 - malocculusion and space management	(1) Fundamental Orthodontics + (2) Interceptive Orthodontics and Adult Orthodontics Workshop	Feb (AM+PM) & Feb		9
			2019 (AM)		
CP13	20 - implant therapy	Implant therapy (1)	Mar 2019 (AM)		3
		Implant therapy (2)	Mar 2019 (PM)		3
DP2/	9 - management of emergencies	Medical Emergencies Workshop	April 2019 (2 days)		8
SDP2*			(either one class)		
		Geriatric Dentistry			
CP16	17 - special needs dentistry	Hospital Dentistry	Apr 2019 (AM)		3
		Intellectual Disable			
CP9	13 - management of caries and non-caries tooth substance loss	Caries Management	Apr 2019 (AM)		3
DP6 / DP1*	25 - Infection Control	Infection Control	Apr 2019 (PM)		3
	27 - oral disease prevention and oral health				
EDP8	28 - community involvement	Community Involvement	May 2019 (AM)		3
EDP3 / SDP4*	22 - ethics	Quality Assurance and Ethics	May 2019 (PM)		3
CP8	12 - oral medicine, oral pathology and oral microbiology	Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Microbiology	Jun 2019 (AM)	To be confirmed	3
CP15	15 - management of trauma in deciduous and permanent dentition	Mangement of Trauma in Deciduous and Permanent Dentition	Jun 2019 (PM)		2
	permanent dentition	Examination Guidelines and MGD Part I Exam Briefing	1		
SP2 + 3		Session (by full exam & CAT candidates)	Jun 2019 (PM)		1
CP11	16 - dental material science	Dental Material Science	Jul 2019 (PM)		3
CP12	18 - fixed prosthodontic therapy	Rehabilitative therapy	Jul 2019 (AM)		3
	19 - removable prosthodontic therapy				
CP14	21 - aesthetic dentistry Summer Ho	Aesthetic Therapy	Jul 2019 (PM) Aug 2019		3
EDP4	23 - information management and critical thinking	niuays	A08 2019		And and a state of the
EDP5	24 - communication	Law and General Dental Practice	Sep 2019 (AM)		3
DP7 /	26 - establishing a practice and practice management	Establishing a Practice and Practice Management	Sep 2019 (PM)		2
SP4		MGD Part II Exam Briefing Session (by CAT Diet & Full Exam candidates)	Sep 2019 (PM)		1.5
DP7/			Oct 2019 (AM)		3
DP3*	26 - establishing a practice and practice management	Dental Practice Inspections - Training	Oct 2019 (PM)		3
EDP2 /	-				
DP2*	9 - management of emergencies	Medical Emergencies	Nov 2019 (AM+PM)		6
EDP6 / SDP1*	25 - Infection Control	Infection Control Workshop for Private Dental Practitioners	Dec 2019 (PM)		2.5

CP modules = 16 units compulsory modules = (80% attendance = 13 units are eligible to sit for the Exam) EDP modules = 8 units compulsory modules = (80% attendance = 7 units are eligible to sit for the Exam)

supplementary workshops

CP = Clinical Practice (CP) Modules

EDP = Essential of Dental Practice (EDP) Modules

SDP = Supervised Dental Practice Program (SDP) Modules

SP = Supporting Lecture

Remarks : Lecture topics may be changed subject to the final decision of the CGD.



CAT Diet – Register of Transferable Credits

Register of Transferable Credit

	Credit Tr	ansferred	Credit Deficient						
	Part I	Part II	Part I			Part II			
	IClinical		CP Modules	Papers	Log	OSCA	EDP / SDP Modules	Clinic Visitation	Practice Portfolio
Requirements	50	50	20	10	10	10	30	10	10
MFDS RCS	20	0	0	10	10	10	30	10	10
MFGDP / DGDP	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10
MGDS RCS	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10
FRACDS	20	0	0	10	10	10	30	10	10
MDS HK	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10
PDipDS (HK)	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10
PDipGDS (HK)	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10
UK RCS Fellowship	20	0	0	10	10	10	30	10	10
UK MSc in a Clinical Discipline	50	0	0	0	0	0	30	10	10

All CAT candidates are required to attend Essential of Dental Practice (EDP) / Supervised Dental Program (SDP) for Part I and / or Part II Examination

Credit Transferred- blue and Credit Deficient- pink



CAT Diet -Qualification Requirement

MGD CAT Diet 2018-2020

Candidates under qualifications below are required to sit for the MGD Part I and II Examination:

MFDS RCS FRACDS UK RCS Fellowship

Candidates under qualifications below are required to sit for the MGD Part II Examination and exempted from Part I Examination:

DGDP (UK) MDS (HK) MDS (Endo)(HK) MDS (OMS)(HK) MDS (OMS)(HK) MDS (Orth)(HK) MDS (Periodontology)(HK) MDS (Prosthetic Dent)(HK) MDS (Prosthodontics)(HK) MDS (Paed Dent) (HK) MDS (Paed Dent) (HK) MFGDP(UK)* PDipDS (HK) PDipDS (HK) MGDS RCS (Edin) MGDS RCS (Irel) UK MSc in a Clinical Discipline

*MFGDP – Membership of Faculty of General Dental Practitioners



MGD/MRACDS Conjoint Viva Voce Examination

MGD / MRACDS Conjoint Examination

Background

A memorandum of understanding is signed between RACDS and CDSHK to conduct conjoint examination of the MGD and MRACDS in general stream programs on 1 April 2012. Extracted from the MOU, it is stipulated as

Conjoint Examinations

- 1. The CDSHK shall, at such intervals as may be agreed between it and the RACDS, conduct conjoint membership RACDS/CDSHK examinations in both theory and practice. This arrangement is based on the general dental practice by mutual agreement.
- 2. The first conjoint examination will be held in 2012, in Hong Kong and shall be offered only to all previously successful MGD holders (2009-2011 diet) and MRACDS holders by full examination. All MGD applicants for this diet must first enroll with RACDS as a conjoint examination candidate, and all MRACDS applicants must first enroll with CDSHK in like manner. They shall then apply to and pay the CDSHK the prescribed fee in order to sit the conjoint examination. Any future diets of this conjoint examination shall be subject to further agreement between the two Colleges.
- 3. Each candidate must fulfill the entry criteria for the conjoint MGD/MRACDS examination by successfully completing all elements of either the MGD training program or the MRACDS program including relevant assessments, examinations 2 and CPD requirements. A letter of standing for all applicants would be required to be provided by each respective College to substantiate the applicant's eligibility.
- 4. The application forms for the examination together with the candidate's relevant certificates shall be submitted to the CDSHK with the examination fee. Certified copies thereof shall be forwarded to the Examination Offices of the RACDS. The CDSHK shall produce the final candidates list.

- 5. The Colleges shall agree jointly a minimum number of candidates for each diet of the examination before agreement that a diet of the examination will take place. A cancellation policy shall be agreed by both parties.
- 6. The examination paperwork shall reflect that it is a conjoint examination. The CDSHK and the RACDS shall simultaneously release the results to their respective candidates.
- 7. Any complaint or appeal by a candidate in relation to the conjoint examination shall be dealt with under the Complaints and Appeals Procedure of the respective candidate from CDSHK or the RACDS.
- 8. Each successful candidate shall be eligible to apply for the use of the postnominals MGD from the CDSHK and use of the postnominals MRACDS from the RACDS once admitted and subscribed to the relevant College subject to the original application for examination.

Notes :

1. The conjoint viva examination center will be in Hong Kong

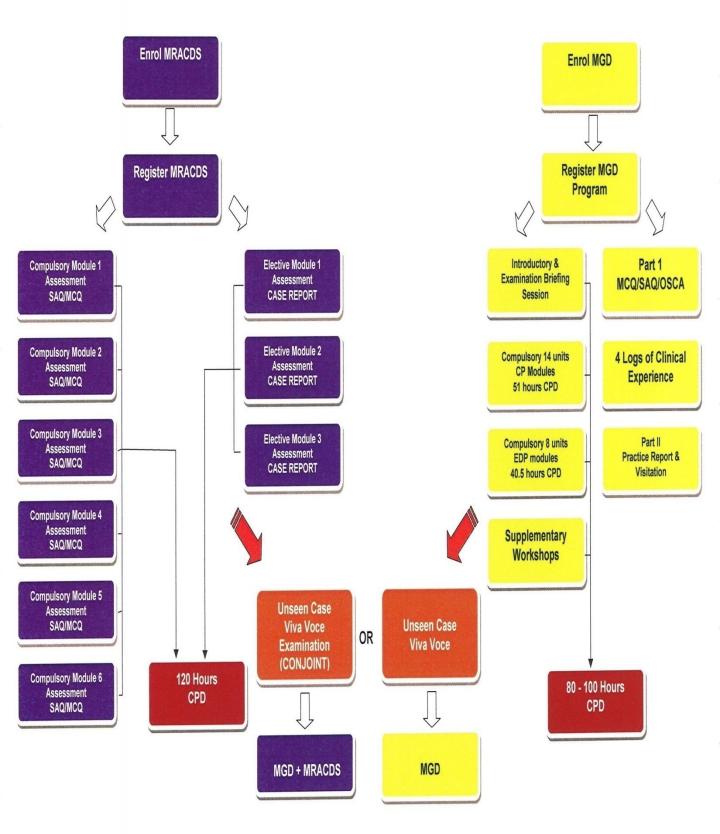
2. candidates must opt for either MGD or MRACDS program before they attend the conjoint viva examination

3. It is the candidates' responsibility to check their eligibility of registering their qualifications in the respective countries

4. It is the candidate's responsibility to attend the required training modules and CPD courses for MGD & MRACDS which are country-specific

5. The detail arrangements of the examination is subject to change with the mutal agreement of both Colleges.

MRACDS - MGD FLOW PROCESS & CONJOINT ELIGIBILITY





Fees Schedule

2018-2020 MGD Training Programme and Examination Fee Schedule

Items :	Fees (HK\$)
¹ Trainee Subscription Fee	6,000
MGD Training Composite Fee :	
By Full Examination	48,000
By Full Examination (for re-sit candidates)	12,000
By Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)	28,000
Vetting Fee (Candidates who applied for CAT only)	20,000
MGD Examination Fee :	
Part I Examination	12,500
Part II Examination	7,500
MGD/MRACDS Conjoint Viva Examination (by Full	25,000
examination)	
² Entrance Fee :	
New MGD Members (New Admission) (as of 2018)	6,000
MGD Membership Annual Subscription Fee (as of 2018)	2,000
Note 1: Subscription Fee for 2018-2020 diet, non-refundable a	nd

Note 1: Subscription Fee for 2018-2020 diet, non-refundable and non-transferable

Note 2: Subjected to annual revision of CDSHK



MGD Training – By Full Exam & CAT Diet – Fee Estimation

Candidates by Full Examination or Candidates by Full Examination + MRACDS Fees Payable

Candidates by Full Examination	
¹ Trainee Subscription Fee	6,000
Composite Training Fee	48,000
MGD Part I Examination Fee	12,500
MGD Part II Examination Fee	7,500
² Entrance Fee for new MGD Members	
² MGD Membership Annual Subscription Fee	

Candidates by Full Examination + MRACDS		
¹ Trainee Subscription Fee	6,000	
Composite Training fee	48,000	
MGD Part I Examination Fee	12,500	
MGD Part II Examination Fee	7,500	
² Entrance Fee for new MGD Members	6,000	
² MGD Membership Annual Subscription Fee	2,000	
MRACDS & MGD Conjoint Viva Examination Fee		
³ RACDS Subscription Fee (Subscription is valid for a period of six (6) years)		

³MRACDS Membership Admission Fee

³MRACDS Membership Annual Subscription Fee

Note 1 : Subscription Fee for 2018-2020 diet, non-refundable and non-transferable

Note 2 : Subjected to annual revision of CDSHK.

Note 3 : Please refer the updated fees schedule via RACDS website : http://racds.org/RACDSNEW_Content/Fees/2018.aspx

Candidates by Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Fees Payable

MGD by Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT)	НК\$
¹ Trainee Subscription Fee	6,000
Composite Training Fee	28,000
MGD CAT Part I Examination Fee	12,500
MGD CAT Part II Examination Fee	7,500
Vetting Fee	20,000
² Entrance Fee for new MGD Members	6,000
² MGD Membership Annual Subscription Fee	2,000

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MGD Trainee Application Form



THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

Membership in General Dentistry Training and Mentorship Programmes 2018-2020 Application Form

Application for	- By Full MGD Examination only	
MGD Trainee	- By Full MGD Exam & MGD/MRACDS (GDP) Conjoint Exam	
	- By Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) :	Photo
	- Candidate required to sit for Part I and Part II Exam	
	- Candidate required to sit for Part II Examination only	
Deadline of applica	ation : 20 July 2018	

Name:	Name in Chinese:				
Nationality:	Sex: Date of Birth:				
HKID Card/Passport No.:	DCHK Reg. No.:				
Address:					
Address for Correspondence (if different from above)					
Tel No.: (Mobile)	(Office)				
Fax No.: E-mail	Address:				
Basic Qualification (with date):					
Higher Qualification(s) (with date):					

In submitting this application

• I understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set by the Committee of General Dentistry (CGD) and the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong (CDSHK) regarding the MGD training, examination and assessment, and

PLEASE NOTE : NO APPLICATION FORMS OR DOCUMENT/CERTIFICATES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FAX.

 I agree to enroll in the compulsory MGD Training Programme 2018-2020 and pay the composite fee to CDSHK on or before 20 July 2018

Signature:	Date:	

Please enclose the following:-

- 1 Certified true copy of all your certificates of dental qualifications;
- Certified true copy of your DCHK registration certificate;
 (Certified true copy must be certified by a registered dentist with wording "I certify that this is a true copy of the original" with both the signature and name of the dentist.)
- i/ a cheque of HKD6,000 for 3 years of Trainee subscription fee (Diet 2018 2020)
 ii/ a cheque of HKD48,000 (by full exam) or HKD28,000 (by CAT) for composite fee of the Training Programme 2018-2020
 iii/ a cheque of HKD20,000 for vetting fee (candidates who applied for CAT only) (Please make payable to "The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong")

and please return these to:-

Chairman, Committee of General Dentistry, The College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong, Room 902, 9/F, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

Remarks : If applicants are not accepted by CDSHK as a Trainee, the cheque will be returned to applicants.

Important : Applicants must be registered dentists in Hong Kong. Only registered dentists practicing in Hong Kong are eligible for entry of MGD Training Programme.

	For Off	ice Use	
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	Not recommended to College Council		
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