

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

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE FELLOWSHIP IN DENTAL SURGERY (FDS RCSED) FOR HOLDERS OF DENTAL SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNISED BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

1. The Fellowship in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh may be granted to those who possess a primary dental qualification which is acceptable to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; are in good standing with the host national professional body; possess a Dental Specialty qualification recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; and who comply with these Regulations

### **THE EXAMINATION**

2. The Examination for the Fellowship in Dental Surgery will comprise one part which will normally be held as a Conjoint Examination with the Host exit qualification and the examining panel will normally consist of a minimum of 50% Edinburgh Examiners or Fellows in Dental Surgery.

3. The precise structure of the Fellowship in Dental Surgery will vary depending on which country and which Specialty is being examined on a conjoint basis. What will not vary is the standard and the robustness of the examination process. The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh reserves the right to withdraw from any conjoint agreement that compromises the integrity of the examination process.

**For precise details of each Examination see the relevant appendix.**

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **Eligibility**

4. Candidates may sit the Conjoint Examination for the Fellowship in Dental Surgery 18 months after successful completion of the speciality training qualification. However, the award of the Fellowship is dependent on the candidate providing evidence of a full two years' post-specialty training, which should normally, but not exclusively, be undertaken in an institution approved by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

5. Candidates who do not exactly fulfill the above requirements may apply for special consideration of their experience provided they submit the full details to the Applications Evaluation Section of the College.

### **Exemptions**

6. Candidates who have previously presented for the Conjoint Examination and have been allowed to carry forward elements of that Examination jointly by the College and the Host will be exempt from resitting those parts of the Examination **(See relevant appendix)**

### **Examination dates and fees payable**

7. The date of the Examination and the fees payable for the Examination are published in the Examinations Calendar, which is obtained from the Information Section, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The Adamson Centre, 3 Hill Place, Edinburgh EH8 9DS, email [info@rcsed.ac.uk](mailto:info@rcsed.ac.uk) or on the website at [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk)

8. Every candidate shall give notice of his/her intention to present himself/herself for Examination no later than the closing date as indicated on the Examinations Calendar.

9. All candidates must have their applications for Examination countersigned by the Regional Adviser of the College to confirm that the documentation is authentic and that they are in good standing in the country in which they practise. The fees payable for admission must accompany applications to the Examination.

### **Withdrawal from the Examination**

10. Candidates withdrawing from the Examination must do so in writing. The entrance fee may be returned, less 20% administrative charges, or transferred to the next diet of the Examination where written notice is received by the College prior to the closing date for receipt of applications. Half of the entrance fee may be returned or transferred to the next diet of the Examination where written notice is received not less than 21 days prior to the commencement of the Examination. After that date no refund of entrance fees will normally be made to candidates who withdraw from the Examination or fail to attend for any reason whatsoever. No allowance will be made for postal or other delays. Any candidate who submits an application form but is subsequently found to be ineligible to enter for the Examination will have his/her fee returned less 20% administrative charges. Candidates who are entitled to refunds will have their monies returned on the completion of the Examination for which they have entered.

### **Conduct of the Examination**

11. The Council of the College may refuse to admit to an Examination or to proceed with the Examination of 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.

12. Any candidate who desires to make representation with regard to the conduct of his/her Examination must address his/her representation to the Head of the Examinations Section of the College and not in any circumstances to an examiner.

**Election, designation and registration**

13. Candidates who are successful in the examination are required to lodge with the Secretary of the College a Petition, together with the appropriate election fee, that his/her name shall be placed before the Council of the College for election as a Fellow. Any successful candidate who is already a Fellow or Member of the College shall not be liable to pay the election fee but shall pay an administrative fee only.

14. All candidates who are elected to Fellowship, other than those who are already Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, shall sign the following Declaration of Intransigence:

“I hereby promise faithfully to maintain and defend all the rights, liberties and privileges of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and to promote the interests thereof to the utmost of my power. I also promise faithfully to obey all the Laws of the said Royal College.”

15. A candidate who passes the examination and is elected to the Fellowship, shall be entitled to the designation of Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (FDS RCSEd) 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 Fellowship in Dental Surgery to ..... who has completed the required form of study and passed the necessary examination."

Successful candidates will be granted Fellowship in 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. Fellows in the Faculty of Dental Surgery may participate in Faculty and College educational and social activities and have full voting rights.

# APPENDIX

## SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CONJOINT FELLOWSHIP IN DENTAL SURGERY (FDS RCSED) AND THE PART B EXAMINATION OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL MEDICINE

### Guidance to Candidates

#### THE EXAMINATION

1. The Examination for the Specialty of Oral Medicine will be a Conjoint Examination with the Part B of the American Board of Oral Medicine, which is their Specialist Training Exit Examination.
2. The conjoint Examination for the Fellowship in Dental Surgery will comprise five sections, namely:
  - i Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapeutics
  - ii Orofacial Pain/Temporomandibular disorders
  - iii Medicine/Medically Compromised Patients
  - iv Oral Medicine
  - v Laboratory Medicine

The Examination will consist of one 45 minute oral examination on each of the above subjects (a total of five oral Examinations). In each section of the Examination, candidates will normally be examined by two examiners

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS

##### 4. Eligibility:

###### a. Section 1. General Requirements

- i. Moral and ethical standing satisfactory to the American Board and the College.
- ii. Graduation from an Oral Medicine programme accredited by the American Board of Oral Medicine.
- iii. Licence to practise dentistry in any state or territory of the United States or in any nation with equivalent standards.
- iv. Membership in good standing in the American Academy of Oral Medicine

## b. Section 2. Specific Requirements

- i. A candidate for Part B (or concurrent Parts A and B) Board certification must have obtained a certificate of successful completion of postgraduate study in Oral Medicine from a programme accredited by the American Board of Oral Medicine.
- ii. A candidate must have engaged in the practice of the specialty of oral medicine for a minimum of eighteen (18) months after receiving the certificate or degree in Oral Medicine before taking the Examination.
- iii. A candidate must satisfactorily fulfill the Examination requirements of the American Board of Oral Medicine and the College

In order to pass the examination, the candidate must pass each of the five sections. Candidates may normally be allowed to carry forward to subsequent diets those sections, of the FDS Examination, that they have passed providing they passed at least four of the seven sections of the American Board Examination at one sitting. The decision will be at the discretion of the Board of Examiners for the Conjoint Examination.

## **ADMISSION TO THE FELLOWSHIP IN DENTAL SURGERY RCSEd**

6. Candidates will be awarded the Fellowship in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, provided they have:
  - a passed a Dental Speciality qualification recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh;
  - b continued in approved specialised clinical practice for not less than two years (or part-time equivalent) after acquiring such a qualification; and
  - c produced certified evidence of having attended a minimum of 100 hours of appropriate continuing professional development (post-Dental Speciality Qualification) with an average of 50 hours education (verifiable) in each year, up to and including, the year prior to Examination.
  - d Passed the Conjoint Examination for Fellowship in Dental Surgery RCSEd and the Part B of the American Board of Oral Medicine

## SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION - SYLLABUS

7. Candidates should have a thorough knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry and the pathological sciences including oral histopathology, immunology and microbiology fundamental to an understanding of all aspects of Oral Medicine. They should be familiar with the principles of the aetiology, pathogenesis and prevention of oral diseases, especially as they are applied to Oral Medicine. They should also be familiar with systemic disease relevant to the practice of Oral Medicine.
- 8. Familiarity with the published literature pertinent to all aspects of Oral Medicine is essential.**
9. Candidates should also have a knowledge of the following:
  - a applied anatomy of the head and neck including dental anatomy, and radiographic anatomy;
  - b principles of applied physiology and biochemistry with specific reference to craniofacial growth and development, respiration, circulation, mastication, deglutition and speech;
  - c human disease in relation to dentistry including relevant microbiology, pathology and immunology;
  - d a working knowledge of the properties of dental materials.
  - e the principles of prevention of oral diseases;
  - f human disease relevant to Oral Medicine;
  - g general Medicine relevant to Oral Medicine;
  - h the influences of the processes of dental development and ageing relevant to dental practice.
  - i the interrelationships of Oral Medicine and other clinical medical and dental disciplines;
  - j diagnosis and management of oral disease;
  - k principles of minor surgery with specific reference to mucosal biopsy procedures;
  - l Oral Medicine in relation to other dental and medical specialities;
  - m recognition of the oral manifestations of systemic disease and an understanding of systemic disease in relation to the practice of Oral Medicine;
  - n detailed knowledge of the management of emergencies and resuscitation in the practice of Oral Medicine;
  - o management by pharmacological and non-pharmacological means of orofacial and craniomandibular pain, discomfort and dental anxiety, including the selection, prescription and administration of drugs relevant to the practice of Oral Medicine;
  - p medico-legal implications for the practice of Oral Medicine;
  - q control of cross-infection including the principles and practice of sterilisation procedures;

- r principles of radiography and radiology relevant to Oral Medicine;
- s principles of the management of the medically compromised;
- t provision of oral medical care for special needs patients;
  
- u behavioural sciences, epidemiology, statistics and clinical information technology relevant to Oral Medicine;
- v principles and procedures of clinical audit.

**CANDIDATES SHOULD NOTE THAT THIS SYLLABUS IS INDICATIVE OF THE AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE EXPECTED OF CANDIDATES. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE EXHAUSTIVE OR TO EXCLUDE OTHER ITEMS OF KNOWLEDGE WHICH ARE OF SIMILAR RELEVANCE.**

NOTE: These Regulations are under continual review therefore it is recommended that candidates keep in regular contact with the College to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information. The Information Section will be able to advise you (00 44 (0) 131 668 9222) or see the College website [www.rcsed.ac.uk](http://www.rcsed.ac.uk) .