

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES TO
PART B OF THE MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION IN THE SPECIALTY OF
ORTHODONTICS (M Orth RCSEd)**

Forthcoming Amendments to the Examination Structure

The College wishes to advise of forthcoming amendments to the examination structure relating to the Part B of the Membership in the specialty of Orthodontics taking place **from 31st October 2022 and beyond**.

Brief details of the changes are given below, and updated Regulations and Guidance documentation, plus an example Mechanics case, are now available on the website.

Regulations Section 3: Structure of the examination

From 31st October 2022:

The changes being introduced to the Part B examination are as follows:

The current Component 2, the clinical case histories examination, will cease and a new mechanics examination section will be introduced to the clinical component to replace it.

The Part B examination will therefore consist of 2 components as follows:

- **Component 1** - a two-hour diagnostics examination (in two sessions) related to treatment planning and patient care with four sets of patient records (Please note that there is no change to this section). This component will also now include **a two-hour mechanics examination (in two sessions) related to diagnosis, treatment planning and management of orthodontic treatment mechanics with four sets of patient records**
- **Component 2** – a one-hour Communications Examination over four stations, on aspects of communication relating to orthodontic treatment (Please note that there is no change to this component)

Candidates will therefore no longer be required to submit their own cases for Part B examination diets held from 31 October 2022 onwards.

Please also note, that with immediate effect, it has been agreed that study models will no longer be presented as part of the diagnostics examination, but rather, as has been the case at diets held during the pandemic, these will be represented in the form of 3D imagery within the diagnostic case information provided.

Further details on these changes will be published in full on the College website in due course:

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Should you have any queries on this in the interim, please contact us on: dental.exams@rcsed.ac.uk

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