IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATIONS IN THE SPECIALTY OF ORTHODONTICS (M Orth RCSEd)

Forthcoming Amendments to the Examination Structure

The College wishes to advise of forthcoming proposed amendments to the examination structure relating to the Membership in the Specialty of Orthodontics taking place in 2019 and beyond. Brief details of the changes are given below:

Regulations Section 3: Structure of the examination

From January 2019:

- There will be a reduction in the number of Clinical Case Histories a candidate is required to submit for the examination from five to FOUR.

- There will be a reduction in the size of each submitted Clinical Case History to an expected maximum of 12-15 pages in length. Candidates are advised to review the new Case History Template, and the Example Abbreviated Presented Case document which are now available on the website. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TEMPLATE AND EXAMPLE HAVE BEEN UPDATED DUE TO AN ERROR ON PAGE 12 – Example title B) for the Cephalometric Superimposition has been amended to read as Bjork’s stable maxillary structures rather than Bjork’s stable mandibular structures (Dec 2018)

- Candidates are no longer required to bring cast models with them to the examination, but may bring their own printed copies of each their cases for reference. Printed copies of the electronically submitted cases will be made available to the examiners at the examination.

- Cases MUST be submitted electronically no later than 2 weeks prior to the examination in their final form. NO further changes may be made to cases after the submission deadline given. Candidates will be advised of the deadline as soon as possible after the closing date for the submission of applications.

- Marks will no longer be awarded for the Scrutiny of the Candidate Case Presentations. Marks will now be awarded for the Oral Examination ONLY, on each of the FOUR Case Histories submitted.

- The Oral Examination on each of the submitted Case Histories will be extended to 15 minutes per case.

From September 2019:

There will be no further exemptions permitted from the written component of the M Orth RCSEd Examination for new or existing candidates entering the examination AFTER the September 2019 Edinburgh diet. ALL candidates thereafter will be expected to sit the written component accordingly.
The exception to this is:

- Candidates who have previously entered for the M Orth RCSEd and passed the written component, but who have been unsuccessful in the examination overall.

The exemption gained may still be carried forward for a maximum of three further attempts within the four attempts permitted at the examination, and within 7 years of passing the exempting component.

Further details on these changes have now been published in full on the College website inclusive of updated Regulations and Guide to Candidates following formal ratification by the Dental Council of the College in October 2018: www.rcsed.ac.uk

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

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