



Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

Applications are invited for the panel of examiners of the new Membership of the Faculty Dental Services tri-collegiate examination.

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The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and the Royal College of Surgeons of England (the three Colleges) are working together to introduce a tri-collegiate approach to curricula assessment. Part of this initiative includes the development of a new MFDS exam. The new examinations will start in 2026 and the examiners will be asked to play an important role in developing the exam and will work with the team supporting the new exams.

We require a panel of examiners to initially build the material required for the examinations and to help prepare other supporting elements for the new examinations. The panel of examiners will comprise individuals who can undertake assessment of the candidates' for the award of Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry. Examiners on the panel will be involved in assessing candidates when delivery commences.

Recruitment for examiners will be conducted in a phased approach. Phase one applications will be invited from applicants who are currently practising in the UK or Ireland. Phase 2 will invite applications for examiners who practise outside the UK and Ireland.

We therefore invite applications for phase one through this link: [Click here to complete the application form](#)

Applications for this phase of examiner recruitment will close at 9am on Monday, 4 August 2025

Person specification

Applicants should be a Dental Member or Fellow of one of the Royal Colleges in the United Kingdom

The applicant will have held a primary dental qualification recognised by the General Dental Council or Irish Dental Council for a period of not less than 7 years.

The applicant can demonstrate experience of involvement in postgraduate assessment through responses to the questions noted in the application form.

The secretariat reserves the right to request references if required at a later date.



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Responsibilities

- Report to the MFDS Chair.
- Participate in the development of the examinations by contributing to question writing, planning, and discussions on policy and processes where needed.
- Be available to participate in diets of the Examination as requested by the Exam Board Chair.
- Prepare and develop examination materials and model answers on an ongoing basis.
- Participate in meetings of the Examiner Panel as required by the Chair.
- Actively participate in ensuring that the examinations are of the highest standards.
- Assess candidates following the principles outlined in training courses, including equality and diversity training (mandatory completion required) and guidance documents.
- Complete all marking and any related documentation in accordance with guidelines.
- Observe strict confidentiality about the performance of candidates.
- Act to promote the examination on behalf of the Colleges.
- Abide by the principles set out in the Examiner Code of Practice.

Training

- The Secretariat will provide training for all examiners.
- All appointed examiners will be expected to contribute to the development of the question bank and attend appropriate further training.
- Dates for the initial online examiner training course are being planned, and examiners must attend a training course before being permitted to examine.
- All examiners are additionally required to complete training every two years to ensure continued alignment with current standards and best practice.



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Commitment required

The term of engagement will be for four years. Successful applicants will be required to attend up to 5 days of meetings/exams per year.