



Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

Applications to join the examiners panel for the Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

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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) have introduced 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 late 2026. The examiners' role is vital and may be varied as we progress, including supporting the development of material for the exam and working with the team supporting the delivery of the new exam. The panel of examiners will comprise individuals who can undertake assessment of the candidates for the award of Membership of the Faculty of Dentistry.

The first phase of recruitment for examiners has now completed, but we are continuing to accept applications from those who are currently practising in the UK or Ireland to join the examiners panel waiting list. Applications for examiners who practise outside the UK and Ireland will be accepted when the rollout of international examinations begins; we encourage you to continue to check our website at www.dsfe.org.uk for updates on this

We therefore invite applications through [Microsoft Forms](#).

Applications for examiner recruitment are ongoing. Your application will be held on a waiting list to be considered on a rolling basis.

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 at the point of application.
- 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 later.

Responsibilities

- Report to the MFDS Chair.





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- 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.
- Examiners must attend an online training course before being permitted to examine. Regular training dates will be made available to examiners as they are moved off the waiting list.
- All examiners are required to complete ongoing training every two years to ensure continued alignment with current standards and best practice.

Commitment required

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