

Examination for Dentists Applying for Full Registration in the Register Of Dentists Under the Provisions of Section 27 (2) (D) of the Dentists Act 1985

1. Section 27 (2) of the Dentists Act 1985 provides for the admission to full registration in the Register of Dentists of any person who satisfies the Council that he/she has undergone such courses of training and passed such examinations as are specified in rules made by the Council. This provision is in addition to the provisions made in the Act for the admission to full registration of persons holding primary qualifications awarded by the licensing authorities in Ireland and of persons, being nationals of EEA member states, who have graduated within the EEA with a scheduled dental degree/diploma.
2. Council has decided that persons seeking registration under the provisions of Section 27 (2) (d) of the Act should normally be required to present for and pass a dedicated examination.
3. This examination will be a Council examination conducted by the Universities on its behalf and administered by an Examination Board appointed by the Council on which both dental schools and the Council will be represented.
4. Only applicants who hold an acceptable dental qualification, who have provided evidence of competence in English and who have being engaged as a dentist for at least 3 out of the 5 years preceding the date of receipt of the application form will be permitted to present for examination. Time spent practicing as an intern as part of the final year of a dentistry programme will not be included in determining if this requirement has been met.
5. An acceptable dental qualification will be of at least a five year full-time duration of theoretical and practical instruction given in a university or similar educational institution, with training to provide the dentist with the skills necessary for carrying out all activities involving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of anomalies and diseases of the teeth, jaws and associated tissues. The course of study should match the Learning Outcomes stipulated by the Dental Council (see Syllabus Document).
6. The examination will be held in two parts
 - a. **Part 1** will include an examination in:
 - i. The application of the basic sciences to dentistry incorporating written papers in the following subjects:
 1. General and oral anatomy
 2. Physiology and Biochemistry
 3. Pharmacology, Pathology and Microbiology
 - ii. A practical examination of operative techniques in the clinical subjects e.g. a Class II cavity and restoration, a Class IV cavity and restoration, crown preparation or access cavity preparation
 - b. **Part 2** will include an examination in:
 - i. The application of the clinical and associated sciences to dentistry incorporating written papers in the following subjects:
 1. Adult Oral Health (this may include Applied Biomaterials, Dental Pathology, Endodontology, Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics, Gerodontology, Law and Ethics, Operative Dentistry, Periodontology)
 2. Child Oral Health (this may include, Paediatric Dentistry) and Orthodontics.

3. Dental Surgery (this may include Anaesthesiology, Dental Therapeutics, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Surgery, Oral Radiology)
- ii. An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- iii. Clinical examinations in Child Oral Health, Adult Oral Health and Dental Surgery.

Subjects such as Dental Public Health, Preventive Dentistry, Law and Ethics, Oral Radiology and Pathology may be assessed in Part 2, in any of the three areas above.

The examinations will be searching and test, to a standard not less than that required of a graduate of an Irish University, the knowledge and skill required for the delivery of primary dental care to patients.

The questions in all examinations can either be in short answer and/or essay type format.

7. Examinations will be held at times appointed by Council following consultation with the Universities. Not more than one examination for each part will be held each year.
8. Candidates will be allowed a maximum of two opportunities in which to pass Part 1 of the examination and a maximum of three in respect of Part 2 of the examination. Candidates must have credit for Part 1 of the examination before proceeding to Part 2.
9. The examination fee payable by candidates will be fixed by Council with the approval of the Minister for Health. The fee, at present, for entry to the examination is €1,500. In the event of a candidate having to repeat a part of the examination an additional fee of €750.00 will be payable. The ONLY methods of payment accepted are by cheque, postal order, bank draft or online. All payments must be made payable to the Dental Council.
10. Candidates who either do not attend or who defer once they have been accepted to sit the examination will forfeit €750.00 and it will count as one of the attempts allowed under Section 8.
11. Applications for entry to the examination must be submitted between the 1 September and the 30 November. Only candidates who have submitted a fully completed application form, submitted all required documents and the fee by the closing date will be considered for acceptance to sit the examinations. Applicants must submit
 - a. Fully completed application form
 - b. €1,500
 - c. Two passport sized photographs with the candidate's name and signature on the reverse
 - d. Certified copy of diploma / degrees, and a certified translated copy if not in English
 - e. Certified copy of academic transcripts, and a certified translated copy if not in English
 - f. Certified copy of passport
 - g. Evidence of having being engaged in the lawful practice of dentistry for a period of three consecutive years in the previous five years. This evidence must include original references (and certified translated copies, if not in English).
 - h. Original Certificate of Good Standing (and a certified translated copy if not in English) from registration board in the jurisdiction the applicant last practiced dentistry, and issued within the three months preceding the date of receipt of the application.

- i. One of the following, to have been completed within the two years previous to receipt of the completed application, as evidence of proficiency in the English Language. An original certificate must be submitted.
 - i. IELTS 7 or higher in each component
 - ii. TOFEL (paper based): 600 or higher
 - iii. TOFEL (Internet based or iBT): 100 or higher
 - iv. TOFEL (Computer based or CBT): 250 or higher
 - j. Candidates should provide proof that their dental degree was obtained entirely through English as, in these circumstances, a language test may not be required. This must be by way of either an original letter from the university or it must be written on the degree awarded.
12. Candidates who have previously sat the examinations and who are required to repeat either Part 1 or Part 2 must apply in writing to the Council before 30 November if they wish to be considered for acceptance to the examination.
13. The Dental Council may, at its sole discretion, decide to exempt a candidate from sitting the Part 1 examinations. The Council will make a decision on whether an exemption is warranted when considering completed applications after the closing date.
14. Applicants who have Temporary Registration with the Dental Council must meet **all** the qualifying requirements in order to be considered to sit the examinations.
15. Candidates should note that success in the examination confers entitlement to registration in the Register of Dentists for Ireland. There is no ongoing entitlement to registration in the United Kingdom or any other EEA Member State.
16. Candidates are strongly advised to establish from the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment that they would be entitled to a work permit to practise dentistry in Ireland if admitted to registration in the Register of Dentists.
17. The Council reserves the right to put a limitation on the number of candidates admitted to the examination in any year.
18. If an insufficient number of candidates apply to undertake the exam the exam will not be conducted.
19. Acceptance of this form is not to be taken as implying admittance to any examination held under the provisions of Section 27 (2) (d) of the Dentists Act 1985.

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: □□/□□/□□□□

Nationality: _____

Gender: Female Male

2. EDUCATION RECORD

Institution	Dates		Qualifications Obtained with dates
	From	To	
<u>University</u>			

<u>Postgraduate</u>		
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3. REGISTRATION RECORD

Registering Authority	Address	Dates	
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4. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (from date of graduation up to date)

Grade or Title of Post if relevant	Dates From To	Type of Dental Practice and Location

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5. Have you ever taken or applied to take The Irish Dental Council Examination for non-EEA trained dentists? (PLEASE CIRCLE): **YES/NO**

If you have answered yes, please specify in which year: _____

6. Do you currently hold a temporary registration post or have you applied for temporary registration, in Ireland? (PLEASE CIRCLE): **YES/NO**

If you have answered yes, please provide more detail: _____

7. I declare that the foregoing particulars are correct and I hereby apply for admission to the examination.

Date: _____ Signature: _____