

**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 special 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. An applicant for registration under the provisions of Section 27 (2) (d) of the Act should, in the first instance, submit to Council a transcript of his/her training and qualifications for assessment. Any person who, as a result of this assessment, has been deemed to have followed an acceptable course of study and has indicated to the Council his/her competency to communicate in the English language will normally be permitted to present for the examination. An acceptable course of study in this context would be equivalent to that laid down in the Dental Directives viz. at least a five year full-time course 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.
5. 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 in operative techniques in the clinical subjects e.g. a class 2 cavity and restoration, a class 4 cavity and restoration, or a crown preparation.
    - iii. The clinical assessment of a patient.
  - b. **Part 11** will include a theoretical examination to test the candidates knowledge of the subjects necessary for the practice of dentistry including general medicine/general surgery, restorative dentistry (conservative dentistry, prosthetics and periodontology), preventive dentistry, paediatric dentistry, therapeutics, anaesthesiology, radiology, law and ethics and an examination in the clinical aspects of these subjects. The examinations will be searching and test, to a standard not less than that required of an Irish

graduate, the knowledge and skill required for the delivery of primary dental care to patients.

6. 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.
7. 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 11 of the examination. Candidates must have credit for Part 1 of the examination before proceeding to Part 11.
8. Council and the universities will ensure that all legal requirements for the holding of the examinations are met and that adequate insurance cover is provided.
9. The examination fee payable by candidates will be fixed by Council with the approval of the Minister for Health and Children. The fee, at present, for entry to the examination is €1,500. A non-refundable deposit of €250 must be submitted with the application form and the balance of €1,250 must be paid before 1 March. 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 cheque, postal order or bank draft. The ONLY methods of payment accepted are by cheque, postal order or bank draft. All payments must be made payable to the Dental Council.
10. Applications for entry to the examination must be submitted between the 1 September and the 30 November. Only candidates who have submitted completed applications and paid the non-refundable deposit by the closing date will be considered for acceptance to sit the examinations. Applicants must submit
  - a. Fully completed application form
  - b. Non-refundable deposit of €250
  - c. Two passport sized photographs with the candidates 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. Evidence of having being engaged in the lawful practice of dentistry for a period of three consecutive years in the previous five years
  - g. 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
  - h. 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
    - i. IELTS (Overall Band Score): 7 or higher
    - 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
  - i. Candidates should provide proof if their dentistry degree was obtained through English as, in these circumstances, a language test may not be required.

11. Candidates who have previously sat the examinations and who are required to repeat either Part I or Part II must apply in writing to the Council before 30 November if they wish to be considered for acceptance to the examination. The Dental Council may, at its sole discretion, decide to exempt a candidate from sitting the Part I examinations if the candidate has undertaken a recognised relevant postgraduate qualification. The Council will make a decision on whether an exemption is warranted when considering all completed applications after the closing date.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The Council reserves the right to put a limitation on the number of candidates admitted to the examination in any year.

**Form of application for admission to examination held under the provisions of Section 27 (2) (d) of the Dentists Act 1985.**

**Dental Council  
57 Merrion Square  
Dublin 2**

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Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

**Family Name/Surname**

1.

**Personal/First Name**

**Address:**

**E-Mail Address:**

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** //

**Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sex:** Female  Male

2. **EDUCATION RECORD**

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

**3. 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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

1. Candidates must forward certified copies of academic transcripts and degree/diploma certificates.
2. Where original documents are in a language other than English, a duly certified translation should be submitted in addition to copies of the original documents.
3. Candidates must provide evidence of having been engaged in the lawful practice of dentistry for a period of three years during the past five years or to have graduated within the last three years.
4. Candidates must forward two recent passport photographs with their name and signature on the reverse side of each.
5. Candidates must forward a copy of their passport
6. Candidates must forward a current Certificate of Good Standing from the registration board in whose jurisdiction he/she last practised dentistry.
7. Candidates whose mother tongue is not English must submit evidence of competence in the English language. The Council will only accept one of the following tests, which must have been completed within the two years previous to receipt of the completed application, as evidence of proficiency in the English Language
  - a. IELTS (Overall Band Score): 7 or higher
  - b. TOFEL (paper based): 600 or higher
  - c. TOFEL (Internet based or iBT): 100 or higher
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8. 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.

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