



Examiner Licence in Dental Surgery (LDS)

Job Description

Introduction

The examination is offered by the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng) to assess the acquisition of competencies, knowledge and familiarity in different aspects of dentistry in line with the minimum standards required by the General Dental Council (GDC) of a newly qualified UK dentist.

There are two parts to the examination and there are currently a minimum of two diets per year.

Role

The post holder will be one of a team of LDS examiners with responsibility for assessing the performance of candidates taking any part of the LDS examination. Selected individuals will also be expected to contribute to the continuous development of the examination content and procedures as part of the quality assurance process.

Appointments to the panel of examiners will not normally be for a period in excess of six (6) years. Exceptionally, examiners in good standing with the Faculty will be invited to extend the term of office by two years upon satisfactory completion of the 6 year term.

Responsible to: LDS Academic Leads

Accountable to: The LDS Examinations Board

Liaises with: Quality Assurance Committee, Examinations Department of the RCSEng, the GDC

Duties and Responsibilities

- Actively participate in ensuring that the examinations are of the highest standards.
- Attend examination and examiner meetings as directed and honour commitments made to the Faculty.
- Attend the initial examiner briefings at the commencement of all examinations.
- Evaluate the performance of candidates in the examination whilst upholding the principles of equality and diversity.
- Examine in accordance with the principles outlined in the mandatory training course and guidance documents.
- Complete all marking documentation in accordance with guidelines.
- Complete all candidate feedback documentation in accordance with guidelines.
- Lead on the refinement of the mark scheme(s) relevant to the part or section of the examination for which they are accountable as necessary.
- Contribute to the LDS standard setting and quality assurance process as required.
- Participate in induction and undergo mandatory training programmes.
- Submit to ongoing assessment, training and development as an examiner, to include remedial training as deemed necessary.
- Draw any matter causing concern to the attention of the supervising examiner and/or examinations staff including unacceptable behaviour of fellow examiners

Confidentiality

To assist in maintaining the standard and uniqueness of questions and scenarios of the LDS examinations, all examiners will be asked to sign a declaration of confidentiality and copyright assignment.

Equality of opportunity

Regulations relating to disability and equal opportunities are detailed in the policy statement of the RCSEng.

Person Specification

Qualifications Skills and Experience	Essential	Desirable
Bachelor of Dental Surgery or equivalent	√	
Practising dentist or clinical teacher	√	
3 years post qualification experience		√
High professional standards, competence in and loyalty to the dental profession	√	
Experience of teaching and/or examining at undergraduate level and/or supervision of dental foundation trainees	√	
Demonstrable commitment to the examination process	√	
Successful completion of a mandatory one-day training course	√	
Willingness to submit to ongoing assessment, training and development as an examiner	√	
Evidence of a strong commitment to equality and diversity, and high levels of integrity and professional standards	√	
Knowledge and understanding of the GDC standards for registration of a newly qualified UK dentist ¹	√	
Strong interpersonal and communication skills	√	

¹ Preparing for Practice: Dental team learning outcomes for registration [General Dental Council, revised 2015]