DIPLOMA OF MEMBERSHIP IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

MRD INFORMATION SHEET

The Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England
and
The Dental Faculty, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

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Who is this for?

The MRD is the only qualification recognised as the end point of training in one of the mono-specialties of Restorative Dentistry, i.e. Endodontics; Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics; Periodontics. The acquisition of the diploma enables one to apply for a Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST) in one of the above specialties. The award of a CCST allows the diplomat to apply for his or her name to be entered in the appropriate Specialist list maintained by the General Dental Council.

The Intercollegiate Board for the MRD

Responsibility for managing the MRD examination is devolved from the Dental Faculties of the two Colleges to the Intercollegiate Board for the MRD. The Board includes the panel of examiners who will run each MRD examination. The Board and the panel each have a Chairman. The members of the Board and of the panel of examiners are selected to represent the broad range of specialty interests and geographical areas. There is a formal rotation of members of both the full Board and the panel of examiners.

The Regulations

The separately published Regulations will at all times take precedence over this information sheet. The Regulations describe the requirements for eligibility to enter training and to sit the MRD examination. The requirements of professional training, which must be approved, are also described in the Regulations.

Finding Suitable Training

Opportunities for training in the mono-specialties of Restorative Dentistry will usually be advertised in the British Dental Journal. These may be full or part-time (provided this is consistent with the Regulations); self or publicly funded; Specialist Registrar (SpR) posts; lectureships with honorary specialist registrar status; associated with a practice recognised for specialist training by the SAC.

Examination Sittings

The dates of the MRD examination, fees and deadlines for applications to sit are published by both Colleges. Please check the Examinations calendar for details.

The Scope of the Examination

The scope of the examination is described in the Regulations. This takes the form of lists of topics under specialty headings. It is stressed that this syllabus is not intended to be prescriptive, exhaustive or exclusive. All candidates will be expected to have a broad knowledge and understanding of general restorative dentistry encompassing the full syllabus, with a level of specialist knowledge and understanding appropriate to a three year mono-specialty training programme.
**Examination Format**

The format of the examination is described in the Regulations. Particular attention should be given to the preparation and presentation of the clinical case records of four patients treated by the candidate. These **must** be presented in the manner described in the Regulations. Two cases should have received general restorative care and the other two should emphasise the candidate’s chosen specialty. The records **must** be saved on a memory stick and given to an Examination Officer at the College **at least 4 weeks** before the exam.