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**Diploma of Membership in Endodontics, Membership in Periodontics  
and Membership in Prosthodontics**

Exam regulations

Important note: these regulations are under continual review therefore it is recommended that candidates keep in regular contact with the college of entry to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information.



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## 1. Introduction

This document contains the regulations for the Diplomas of Membership in Endodontics (M.Endo), Membership in Periodontics (M.Perio) and Membership in Prosthodontics (M.Pros) of the Faculties of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

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Further information can be obtained on the [RCS England website](#).

These regulations encompass the three specialties of Restorative Dentistry: Endodontics; Periodontics; and Prosthodontics. Candidates will identify which one of these specialties will be their chosen subject when applying for the Examination.

All parts of the examination are conducted in English.

## 2. Purpose and aims of the examination

### Purpose

The Membership Examinations in the specialties of Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics each represent a summative assessment of core knowledge and competence in each of the three single specialties of Endodontics, Periodontics and Prosthodontics respectively, as defined in the Learning Outcomes. It is intended to test the candidates' knowledge and understanding relevant to the practice of a Specialist in the relevant specialty area.

### Aims

To allow the candidate to demonstrate a core knowledge and understanding of the principles and practice of Restorative and the planning and delivery of Restorative Dentistry.

Candidates should be aware that attaining the award of the Diploma does not confer eligibility for the UK Specialist List for Restorative Dentistry.



### 3. Content of the examination

The Diploma in M Endo, M Perio and M Pros examinations will assess the candidate's understanding of diagnosis and treatment planning over a wide range of problems in Restorative Dentistry. Further information can be found in the relevant examination blueprint.

### 4. Format of the examination

The examination consists of four parts.

1. A three hour written paper with six compulsory short-answer questions to be answered in general restorative dentistry;
2. A three hour written paper with six compulsory short-answer questions in the specialty of the candidate's choice (endodontics, periodontics or prosthodontics);
3. Two 20-minute unseen case examination encounters, each based on a 20-minute review of the clinical records of a patient with a range of general restorative dental problems to cover assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning and prognosis;
4. Four 20-minute unseen case examination encounters, each based on a 20-minute review of the clinical records of a patient in the candidate's chosen specialty.

### 5. Entrance Requirements

To be eligible to enter for the Diploma examination all candidates must provide certified evidence of possession of a primary dental qualification that is acceptable to the Colleges.

Candidates may apply for entry to the examination having completed 24 months of full-time or equivalent part-time training acceptable to the Colleges by the date of the examination. The training should preferably be continuous but in some cases breaks in training may be permitted. The total training period should not normally exceed six years.

### 6. Applications for admission to the examination

Applications for admission to the examination must be completed fully with the required certified evidence and accompanied by the full amount of the fee payable for the examination.

Applications for the examination must be received by the closing date and time specified in the examinations' calendar. Applications received after the closing date will not normally be processed.

Applications for the examination can be downloaded from the RSC England website and should be sent to the Examination department, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3PE, London.

Further information regarding the examination can be found on the [RCS England website](#) or [RCPSG website](#).

### 7. Results

Results will be posted on the relevant secure College website and distributed by post.



## 8. Feedback

Candidates will be given written feedback on their performance where requested.

## 9. Number of attempts and exemptions

Candidates are usually permitted a maximum of four attempts at the examination.

If both written examinations (Specialist and General) are passed together at one attempt, these can be carried forward to one more attempt at the examination.

Successful completion of the unseen cases cannot be carried forward to subsequent attempts at the examination.

Any candidates re-sitting the examination will need to pay the full fee, regardless of which parts of the exam they are sitting.

## 10. Infringement of the regulations

The Colleges may refuse to admit to the examination, or may not allow to proceed with the examination, any candidate who infringes any of the regulations or who is considered by the examiners to be guilty of behaviour prejudicial to the proper management and conduct of the examination.

Examples of such infringements are as follows:

1. Entry to the examination being attempted by making false claims about eligibility or falsifying entry documentation, including the submission of case presentations or a log book containing plagiarised or incorrect content. The College reserves the right to make checks to validate any information or documents supplied by the candidate;
2. Unfair advantage being sought or obtained: by possession of material or devices during an examination that might give advantage; by plagiarism of any description; by communicating or attempting to communicate with another candidate once the examination has commenced; or by refusing to follow instructions given by examiners or examinations staff regarding the conduct and procedure of the examination.

Candidates shall not give or receive any assistance or communicate by any means with one another or any person, other than the invigilator(s) and examiner(s), at any time while an Examination is in progress. Any candidate acting in breach of this Regulation or who is considered by the examiners to be guilty of behaviour prejudicial to the proper management and conduct of the Examination may be suspended from the examination.

Candidates should not remove from the examination venue, or make copies of, any papers or examination materials.

Candidates should not attempt to obtain confidential information relating to the examination from an examiner or examination officials or pass confidential information on the content of the examination to a third party.



Any candidate who infringes any of the Regulations may be refused admission to, or may face expulsion from, the Examination. All instances of misconduct are reported to the Chair of the Examination Board.

All allegations of misconduct will be investigated in accordance with the procedures published on the Colleges' websites; any penalties incurred will also be in accordance with the published procedures.

### **11. Appeals and complaints**

Candidates who wish to make an appeal about the conduct of their examination must address it to the relevant College within 28 days of the dispatch of results in writing. Appeals will be considered which allege maladministration, bias or procedural irregularity of some kind, whether in the conduct or in the determination of the result of the examination. Appeals disputing the academic judgment of the examiners will not be allowed. Details of the appeals process can be found on the website of the administering College.

### **12. Withdrawal from the examination**

Any candidate who wishes to withdraw an application for admission to the examination must notify the relevant College in writing. A refund or transfer of the fee paid may be made (less an administrative fee), provided that notice of an intention to withdraw is received by the relevant College before the closing date by which applications are due, as shown in the examinations calendar. Refunds or transfers are not normally made to any candidate who withdraws after the closing date.

Any candidate who wishes to withdraw an application for admission to the examination on medical grounds and request a refund or transfer of fee must submit a request in writing to the relevant College, accompanied by a medical certificate. An application for consideration of a refund or transfer of fee on compassionate grounds should be supported by full details, plus a supporting letter from an appropriate professional. Each such application must be submitted to the relevant College within 28 days following the date of the commencement date of the examination.

The Colleges reserve the right to review admission to the examination on an individual basis in exceptional circumstances.

A candidate who becomes ill or has an accident during the examination must inform the Lead Examiner for that diet as soon as possible. On the advice of the Lead Examiner, the candidate may withdraw from the examination or the Lead Examiner may agree with the candidate how the candidate should proceed to complete the examination.

### **13. Candidates with special circumstances**

Tailored examination and other assessment arrangements will be made for individual candidates with additional needs due to learning differences (such as dyslexia) or due to permanent or temporary disability through reasonable adjustments. These arrangements are intended to ensure that candidates are able to perform to the best of their ability and that they are not discriminated against because of learning differences or because of permanent or temporary disability.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to notify the College when they submit their application of any additional needs they have, the reason for them, and any reasonable adjustments that have been helpful in the past.



Applications for reasonable adjustments to meet additional needs are normally required to be supported by written evidence. For example, in the form of a medical report from their general medical practitioner for medical conditions, or an educational psychologist's report for a learning difference such as dyslexia.

#### **14. Proof of identity at the examination**

Candidates must bring their passports to each part of the examination. Exceptionally, candidates who are not in a position to provide a passport must produce an official document that includes their name, signature and a current photograph e.g. current photographic driving license.

For the purpose of visual identification, any candidate sitting any examination may be required to remove any clothing and/or other item which covers all, or part of, the candidate's face. The Colleges will observe sensitivity in the visual identification of candidates.

To facilitate the assessment of non-verbal communication skills and interaction with the examiner, the Colleges reserve the right to require candidates to remove any item of clothing and/or other item which covers all or part of the candidate's face.

#### **15. Diploma and membership**

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The candidate, after having passed all parts of the examination for the M.Endo, M.Perio or M.Pros Specialist Diploma of Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery shall be given a Notice subscribing his/her name to the by-law and the required declaration; that it rests with the Board of Faculty to confer upon them the Specialty Diploma of Membership; and that until the granting of such a Diploma by the board, they are not in any circumstances, entitled to make use of the letters M.Endo, M.Perio or M.Pros after their name; to exercise any other rights conferred by the membership; or be admitted as visitors to the examination.

Upon confirmation by the Board of Faculty the successful candidate shall then receive a Diploma bearing the Seal of the College and the Diploma shall state that such Member has been successful in the examination. Every Member shall pay each year such annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Faculty with the concurrence of the College Council.

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The results of the examination of candidates for the Specialty Diploma of Membership in Restorative Dentistry shall be considered by a Board of Examiners appointed by the council who shall report thereon to the Council.

Thereafter the Council shall report the names of those successful candidates to the next meeting of the College. Election shall be by ballot of the College and two-thirds of the votes must be cast in favour. Successful candidates shall pay such election fee as the College shall from time to time determine. Following election as a Member in Restorative Dentistry, the successful candidate will be admitted at a subsequent meeting of the College. Each member shall pay each year such annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the College.



## 16. Curriculum

The Learning Outcomes for the respective curricula are available on the General Dental Council website on the following webpages:

**Endodontics:** [https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/endodonticscurriculum.pdf?sfvrsn=815ab05a\\_2](https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/endodonticscurriculum.pdf?sfvrsn=815ab05a_2)

**Periodontics:** [https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/periodontics-curriculum-06-10-v2.pdf?sfvrsn=2c7adb9b\\_2](https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/periodontics-curriculum-06-10-v2.pdf?sfvrsn=2c7adb9b_2)

**Prosthodontics:** [https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/prosthodontics-curriculum-06-10.pdf?sfvrsn=90b46874\\_2](https://www.gdc-uk.org/docs/default-source/specialist-lists/prosthodontics-curriculum-06-10.pdf?sfvrsn=90b46874_2)



### **17. Syllabus coverage**

The General Restorative Dentistry element of the examination will test the candidates' broad-based understanding of the theory and practise of Restorative Dentistry set in the context of total patient care. The relevant basic and clinical science will be included. The specialist element of the examination will follow from this broad base.

The level of understanding of the following subjects should be appropriate to a three-year specialist training programme.

The specific clinical topics and domains assessed can be found in the relevant examination blueprint.