

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH



REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DIPLOMA OF MEMBERSHIP IN ORTHODONTICS (M ORTH RCSED)

INTRODUCTION

1. The Diploma of Membership in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh may be granted to those who possess a dental qualification which is acceptable to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and who comply with the Regulations.

THE EXAMINATION

2. The Examination for the Diploma of Membership in Orthodontics will comprise two Parts, namely; Part I (a) applied basic dental sciences, (b) applied sciences relevant to Orthodontics; Part II Principles and Practice of Orthodontics.

(i) Part I of the Examination will consist of:

- (a) applied basic dental sciences. One combined Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) paper and Multiple Short Answer (MSA) question paper of three hours duration, and a simulated clinical examination on typical basic dental problems, not exceeding 60 minutes duration. Human disease in relation to dentistry may be included;
- (b) applied sciences. One MSA question paper of three hours duration on Orthodontics and an oral examination of 30 minutes duration on the applied sciences relevant to the clinical practice of Orthodontics.

(ii) Part II of the Examination will consist of:

- (a) a three hour written paper in Orthodontics;
- (b) a one hour diagnostic examination related to treatment planning and patient care three sets of patient records;
- (c) a 30 minute oral examination on any aspect of Orthodontics;
- (d) an oral examination of 30 minutes duration based on five fully documented clinical case histories each describing a patient personally treated by the candidate;
- (e) a 30 minute clinical examination and discussion of two patients.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

3. Eligibility

Part I Candidates for Part I of the Examination will be expected to provide certified evidence of having gained broad experience of clinical dentistry for a minimum of two years after obtaining a primary dental qualification. One of the two years should normally have been spent in posts approved by the College for this purpose. Within the two years, experience must be obtained in more than one clinical dental discipline, with a minimum experience of at least three months duration in each selected discipline. Normally equivalent part-time experience will be acceptable if gained within a period of four years.

Part II Candidates for Part II of the Examination must have passed, or have exemption from Part I of the Examination. Award of the Membership in Orthodontics RCSEd is dependant on evidence that the candidate will have completed a period of three years full-time (or part-time equivalent) in appropriate approved posts, courses and programmes of training. Candidates may, however, enter themselves for examination after two and a half years (or part-time equivalent). 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. Part-time posts, courses and programmes will not normally be approved if they are less than half-time.

The Joint Committee for Specialist Training in Dentistry (JCSTD), on the advice of the Specialist Advisory Committee (SAC) in Orthodontics, will be responsible for the recognition and approval of training programmes in the United

Kingdom, and bodies seeking approval should apply to the SAC.
The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh will, in recognising posts and training overseas, apply similar criteria to that approved by the SAC in Orthodontics.
Candidates who do not exactly fulfill the above requirements may apply for special consideration of their experience provided they submit the full details to the Examinations Department of the College.

4. Exemptions

Exemption from Part I of the M Orth RCSEd Examination will normally be limited to candidates:

- (i) who present evidence of having been successful in the Part I/Primary Examination for Fellowship in Dental Surgery/Dentistry of one of the Royal Colleges of the United Kingdom and Ireland until such time as the existing Part II Fellowships in Dental Surgery/Dentistry Examinations are discontinued; or
- (ii) who present evidence of having been successful in the Diploma of Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery/Dentistry of one of the Royal Colleges of the United Kingdom and Ireland; or
- (iii) who hold a degree or diploma of equivalent standard which is acceptable to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; or
- (iv) whose experience and training is adjudged equivalent by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh;
- (v) exemption from the written component of Part II of the M Orth RCSEd Examination will be granted to candidates who present evidence of successful completion of the written component of the Bi-Collegiate Membership in Orthodontics Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Exemption from this component may also be granted to candidates who present evidence of successful completion of an MSc in Orthodontics at a centre recognised by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh;
- (vi) exemption from that part of the examination which relates to the five fully documented case histories will only be granted to candidates who fail the Membership in Orthodontics Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh if their presented material and subsequent performance in the related oral examination has satisfied the examiners. This exemption will be restricted to the following two diets only.

5. Examination dates and fees payable

Part I and II

The date of the examination and fees payable for admission are set out in the Examinations Calendar which is obtainable from the Examinations Department, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Adamson Centre, 3 Hill Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9DS.

Every candidate shall give notice of his/her intention to present himself/herself for examination no later than the closing date as indicated on the Examinations Calendar.

Applications for admission to the Part I Examination must be accompanied by certified evidence of experience gained in broad based dentistry for a minimum of two years and the fee payable for admission to the examination. Applications for admission to the Part II Examination must be accompanied by the certified evidence of training, and the fee payable for admission to the examination.

6. Withdrawal from the Examination

Candidates withdrawing from either part of the examination must do so in writing. The entrance fee may be returned, less 20% administrative charges, or transferred to the next diet of the examination where written notice is received by the College prior to the closing date for receipt of applications. Half of the entrance fee may be returned or transferred to the next diet of the examination where written notice is received not less than 21 days prior to the commencement of the examination. After that date no refund of entrance fees will normally be made to candidates who withdraw from the examination or fail to attend for any reason whatsoever. No allowance will be made for postal or other delays. Candidates who submit an application form but are subsequently found to be ineligible to enter for the examination will have their fee returned less 20% administrative charges. Candidates, who are entitled to a refund, will have their monies returned on the completion of the examination for which they have entered.

7. Conduct of the Examination

The Council of the College may refuse to admit to an examination or to proceed with the examination of 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.

CANDIDATES MUST HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSFUL HEPATITIS B IMMUNISATION ACCEPTABLE TO THE COLLEGE.

Candidates who desire to make representation with regard to the conduct of their examination must address them to the Examinations Department of the College and not in any circumstances to an examiner.

8. Designation and registration

A candidate who passes the Part II Examination shall be entitled to the designation of Member in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (M Orth RCSEd) and shall receive a diploma bearing the seal of the College signed by the President, the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery and the Secretary to the College. The form of the diploma shall be as follows: "The President and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh hereby grant the Diploma of Membership in Orthodontics to who has completed the required form of study and passed the necessary Examination".

Successful candidates will be granted Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the College on payment of such election fee and annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Council of the College. Members of the Faculty of Dental Surgery may participate in Faculty and College educational and social activities.

The Diploma is registrable in the British Dentists Register provided that the name of the holder already appears in that Register. Particulars of registration may be obtained from the Registrar, General Dental Council, 37 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8DQ.