

## MFDS Examiners Required

The MFDS is the membership examination of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. It is a modern assessment designed to recognise the successful acquisition of the knowledge and skills defined in the Dental Foundation Training curriculum.

Applicants will hold a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree (or local equivalent) and be members or fellows of FDS RCS(Eng). Ideally, they will have experience of teaching/training and assessing dentists at postgraduate level.

Examiners will be required to commit to a minimum of two days examining each year, plus another one day per year for training and question-writing purposes.

Completed application forms should be emailed to the Examinations department: [dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk)

*Please note applicants will have to commit to attending the annual FDS Examiner training day.*

**The deadline for applications is 23 March 2023.**

## Examiner Job Description and Person Specification

### Background

The MFDS is the membership examination of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. It is a modern assessment designed to recognise the successful acquisition of the knowledge and skills defined in the dental foundation training curriculum.

The examination consists of:

- **Part 1 examination** in the form of one written paper containing multiple choice questions (MCQs), and
- **Part 2 examination** in the form of an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE).

Full details of the examination can be found on the RCS England website - <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/education-and-exams/exams/examiner-vacancies/>

### Job Description

All Examiners are required to commit to an initial term of 3 years. They are accountable to the appropriate Part 1 and/or Part 2 Lead Examiners.

Specific duties:

- To examine OSCE assessments, for a minimum of one diet (2 days) each year.
- To attend an initial training event before examining for the first time (1 day).
- To refresh examining knowledge through e-learning (1 day).
- To submit new assessment material for the Part 1 and/or Part 2 examinations as requested.

Please note that if appointed, examiners cannot assist with prep courses at any time during their MFDS examinerships.

For quality assurance purposes, any Examiner who is unable to successfully fulfil the above duties will be reviewed by the Chair of the Exam Board and may be asked to leave the examining panel.

## Person Specification

### Eligibility

Applicants are not eligible to become Examiners if they have taught or intend to teach on an MFDS preparatory course 3 months before they start their examiner term. Applicants must not teach on a preparatory course during their examiner term or within three months of the termination of their examinership.

### Qualifications

The following are **all** required:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (or local equivalent)
- Registration with the General Dental Council
- Membership or fellowship of the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

### Knowledge and experience

- Knowledge and understanding of the *Curriculum for UK Dental Foundation Training*.
- Knowledge of the rationale and standard expected of the MFDS and the knowledge and skills it should test.
- Recent or current experience of postgraduate education and/or examination is desirable.
- Be engaged or within the last two years active in dental clinical/academic practice.
- Five years experience post BDS.
- Three years experience post MFDS or equivalent membership qualification

### Skills and abilities

- High professional standards as an examiner, including understanding of appropriate assessment techniques.
- A commitment to the examination process.
- A commitment to ongoing assessment, training and development as an Examiner.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Evidence of a strong commitment to equality and diversity, and high levels of integrity and professional standards.
- An understanding of administrative procedures and policies relating to the examination process.
- Able to remain objective and dispassionate where necessary.



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The post does not attract a salary but all travel and subsistence costs will be paid in line with College policy.

### **Application Process**

Suitably qualified applicants should apply using the application form that accompanies this information. Completed application forms should be emailed to [dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk)

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If you have any further questions, please email [dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:dentalexams@rcseng.ac.uk)