STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 1884

HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS

DENTISTS

The General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination Regulations) Order of Council 2007

Made - - - -	*25th June 2007*
Coming into force - -	*16th July 2007*

At the Council Chambers, Whitehall the 25th day of June 2007

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council

The General Dental Council have made the General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination) Regulations 2007 as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Having considered those Regulations, in accordance with section 16(7) of the Dentists Act 1984(**a**), which provides that regulations shall not come into force until approved by Order of the Privy Council, their Lordships approve them.

This Order may be cited as the General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination Regulations) Order of Council 2007 and shall come into force 21 days after making.

Judith Simpson
Clerk of the Privy Council

(**a**) 1984 c.24; relevant amendment is S.I. 2005/2011, article 45.

SCHEDULE

General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination) Regulations 2007

The General Dental Council make the following Regulations in exercise of their powers under sections 16(4) and 52(1B) of the Dentists Act 1984.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force 21 days after the Privy Council makes the Order approving these Regulations under section 16(7).

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"candidate" means a person who has—

(a) submitted a complete application for an examination; and

(b) satisfied all other requirements for sitting that examination;

"does not accept" means a case where the Council have received, by the deadline specified in an invitation—

(a) no notification of response; or

(b) a notification of a refusal of that invitation;

"invitation" means a notification from the Council which—

(a) invites a candidate to sit an examination;

(b) provides an indication of a date and location for that examination; and

(c) specifies a deadline for a response to that notification;

"IQE" means the International Qualifying Examination held by a dental authority, or a group of dental authorities, under the IQE Regulations;

"IQE Regulations" means the International Qualifying Examination Regulations 2000, which came into force on 1st January 2001 and were made by the General Dental Council under section 16(4);

"IQE suspended candidates" means those candidates who have been removed from the waiting list for Part A prior to the relevant date due to having—

(a) refused an invitation three times;

(b) not responded to an invitation by the required deadline; or

(c) failed to attend an examination without previously notifying the Council,

and have not been readmitted onto the waiting list;

"medical emergencies examination" means an examination in medical emergencies which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

"notify" means to notify in writing, including electronically, and "notification" shall be construed accordingly;

"ORE" means the Overseas Registration Examination held pursuant to section 16;

"Part 1" and "Part 2" mean those Parts of the ORE as set out in regulation 3;

"Part A" means Part A of the IQE;

"Part B" means Part B of the IQE;

"Part C" means Part C of the IQE;

"relevant date" is the date these Regulations come into force;

"section" means a section of the Dentists Act 1984; and

"waiting list" means the list of candidates who had submitted a complete application for the IQE which was accepted by the Council, on or before 10th April 2006, and at the relevant date had not passed all parts of the IQE, but does not include IQE suspended candidates.

Structure and content of the examination

3. The ORE shall be in two parts, namely—

Part 1—

(a) a written paper covering clinically applied dental science and clinically applied human disease; and

(b) a written paper in aspects of clinical dentistry, law and ethics, and health and safety; and

Part 2—

(a) an examination on a dental manikin;

(b) an objective structured clinical examination that tests candidates' clinical skills;

(c) an examination designed to test candidates' diagnostic and treatment planning skills; and

(d) a medical emergencies examination.

Standard to be shown by candidates

4. The standard of knowledge and skill required to be shown by candidates to pass the ORE shall be at the level required to pass a final examination of a United Kingdom undergraduate dental degree, having regard to *The First Five Years: The Undergraduate Dental Curriculum*(**a**).

Restrictions as to subsequent attempts

5.—(1) Subject to regulations 7 to 9, a candidate must pass Part 1 at a sitting, before proceeding to sit Part 2.

(2) Part 2 must be passed within 5 years of first attempting Part 1.

(3) Subject to regulations 8 and 9, candidates will have a maximum of 4 attempts at each Part of the ORE.

(4) Candidates who have passed all sections of Part 2 at a sitting, apart from the medical emergencies examination, may re-sit that examination, on only one occasion—

(a) within five years of first attempting Part 1; and

(b) after paying the specified fee.

(5) Candidates to whom paragraph (4) applies, who have not passed such a re-sit, must re-sit the whole of Part 2 and paragraphs (2) and (3) shall continue to apply to those candidates.

Fees

6. No candidate shall be permitted to take the ORE or any part thereof until he has paid the prescribed fee as follows—

Part 1 (per attempt)	£600
Part 2 (per attempt)	£2,250
Part 1(b) pursuant to regulations 8(1) and 9(1) (per attempt)	£150
Medical emergencies examination pursuant to regulation 5(4)	£300

(**a**) This guidance, published in January 2004, can be accessed via the GDC website at www.gdc-uk.org.

Transitional provisions for Part A candidates

7.—(1) IQE suspended candidates who wish to continue to attempt to pass examinations under section 16 shall so notify the Council and may then proceed by way of the ORE in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) A candidate on the waiting list for Part A on the relevant date, who chooses to proceed by way of the ORE, must so notify the Council and may then proceed by way of the ORE in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(3) A candidate on the waiting list for Part A on the relevant date may sit Part A, provided that he notifies the Council of his intention to sit it no later than 1st October 2007, and will, if he passes Part A, then be placed on the waiting list for Part B and regulation 8 will apply to him, except that he will not be required to notify in accordance with regulation 8(2).

(4) The sitting of Part A by a candidate to whom paragraph (3) applies shall be subject to the following provisions—

(a) there will only be two sittings of Part A offered by the Council; and

(b) if he—

(i) fails to notify in accordance with paragraph (3),

(ii) does not accept an invitation to sit Part A,

(iii) fails Part A twice, or

(iv) fails to attend Part A without giving prior notification to the Council,

he shall be treated as choosing to proceed by way of the ORE.

Transitional provisions for Part B candidates

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a candidate on the waiting list for Part B on the relevant date may choose to proceed by way of the ORE, subject to the following provisions—

(a) he will be exempt from Part 1(a), but will need to pass Part 1(b);

(b) if he fails Part 1(b) twice, sub-paragraph (a) will not apply; and

(c) if he passes Part 1(b), he may proceed to Part 2.

(2) A candidate on the waiting list for Part B on the relevant date may sit Part B, provided that he notifies the Council of his intention to sit it no later than 1st October 2007, and will, if he passes Part B, then be placed on the waiting list for Part C and regulation 9 will apply to him, except that he will not be required to notify in accordance with regulation 9(2).

(3) A candidate on the waiting list for Part B on the relevant date will be treated as choosing to proceed by way of the ORE if he—

(a) fails to notify the Council in accordance with paragraph (2);

(b) does not accept an invitation to sit Part B;

(c) fails Part B twice; or

(d) fails to attend Part B without giving prior notification to the Council.

Transitional provisions for Part C candidates

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), a candidate on the waiting list for Part C on the relevant date may choose to proceed by way of the ORE, subject to the following provisions—

(a) he will be exempt from Part 1(a), but will need to pass Part 1(b);

(b) if he fails Part 1(b) twice, sub-paragraph (a) will not apply; and

(c) if he passes Part 1(b), he may proceed to Part 2.

(2) A candidate on the waiting list for Part C on the relevant date may sit Part C on not more than two occasions, provided he notifies the Council of his intention to sit it no later than 1st October 2007.

(3) A candidate to whom paragraph (2) applies must pass Part C within 18 months of passing Part B.

(4) A candidate on the waiting list for Part C on the relevant date will be treated as choosing to proceed by way of the ORE if he—

(a) fails to notify the Council in accordance with paragraph (2);

(b) does not accept an invitation to sit Part C;

(c) fails to pass Part C within the 18 months period specified in paragraph (3); or

(d) fails to attend Part C without giving prior notification to the Council.

Transitional provisions relating to fees

10. The fees for the IQE are:

Part A (per attempt)	£600
Part B (per attempt)	£650
Part C (per attempt)	£1550

Revocation and saving

11. The IQE Regulations are hereby revoked, but shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, continue to apply to candidates seeking to sit or to pass the IQE pursuant to regulations 7 to 10.

The Common Seal of the General Dental Council was hereto affixed in the presence of:

Hew Byrne Mathewson
President

Duncan Hugh Rudkin
Registrar

6th June 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order approves the General Dental Council (Overseas Registration Examination) Regulations 2007, which make provision for examinations to be held whereby persons holding overseas diplomas may qualify to be registered as dentists, and are scheduled to the Order.

Regulation 1 sets out the title and coming into force date of those Regulations.

Regulation 2 sets out some definitions for the Regulations.

Regulations 3 to 6 lay down the structure, content and standard of the Overseas Registration Examination ("ORE"), restrict the number of attempts at the ORE and prescribe the fee to be paid before sitting the ORE.

Regulations 7 to 10 provide transitional provisions for candidates who were seeking to pass or had passed part of the International Qualifying Examination, which preceded the ORE.

Regulation 11 revokes, with some savings, the General Dental Council's International Qualifying Examination Regulations 2000.

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