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DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 20th November, 2007

No.DE-22-2007.-In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20 of the Dentists Act, 1948, the Dental Council of India with the previous sanction of the Central Government hereby makes the following Revised MDS Course Regulations :-

1. **Short title and commencement.**-(i) These Regulations may be called the Dental Council of India Revised MDS Course Regulations, 2007.

(ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

SECTION-I

REGULATIONS FOR THE MDS DEGREE

In view of the increase in demand for speciality training, the Dental Council of India desires that, all Dental institutions with proper infrastructural facilities, faculty and adequate clinical material shall start postgraduate courses. However, no institution shall start postgraduate courses without prior approval of Government of India as per the provision of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1993 and regulations framed thereunder. Before considering the P.G. application, DCI shall conduct the Periodical Inspection of the Institution to verify the availability of infrastructural facilities up to BDS level.

ELIGIBILITY:

A candidate for admission to the MDS course (Master of Dental Surgery) must have a recognised degree of BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) awarded by an Indian University in respect of recognised Dental College under Section 10(2) of the Dentists Act, 1948 or an equivalent qualification recognised by the Dental Council of India and should have obtained permanent registration with the State Dental Council. Candidates not possessing a recognized Dental qualification for the above purpose should secure the prior approval of his qualifications by the Dental Council of India before he can be admitted to the MDS Course of any University in India.

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Part-time professor who can put in at list four hours a day or eighty hours in a month are eligible to enroll only one post-graduate student under them and they shall be entitled to 50% of leave entitled for regular teaching faculty.

17. AGE, EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE._

(a) HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT:

A Bachelors Degree in Dental Surgery from an Indian University with Masters in Dental Surgery / Diplomate of National Board recognised by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Council, and with one year teaching experience in the speciality as Professor, and shall have to acquire minimum points for publications as per the scheme given in the table.

(b) PROFESSOR:

A Bachelors Degree in Dental Surgery from an Indian University with Masters in Dental Surgery / Diplomate of National Board recognised by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Council, and with five years of teaching experience in the speciality as Reader/Associate Professor, and shall have to acquire minimum points for publications as per the scheme given in the table.

(c) READER/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:


A Bachelors Degree in Dental Surgery from an Indian University with Masters in Dental Surgery / Diplomate of National Board recognised by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Council, and with four years of teaching experience in the speciality after post-graduation, and shall have to acquire minimum points for publications as per the scheme given in the table.

(d) LECTURER/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:

A Bachelors Degree in Dental Surgery from an Indian University with Masters in Dental Surgery / Diplomate of National Board recognised by the Government of India on the recommendations of the Council, in the speciality.

Note:

1. All the regular teaching faculty shall be full time.
2. Teaching experience gained in medical college, where there are no dental courses, shall not be accepted for teaching post-graduate students. Dental faculty with post-graduate qualification in dentistry, shifting from the dental department of a medical college shall have to complete minimum of three years of teaching experience in a dental college or institution before being accepted as post-graduate faculty.
3. In exceptional cases, the teaching experience, in Government dental colleges, may be considered for further promotion on the basis of total teaching experience.
4. The Reader/Associate Professor in a dental college shall attend teachers training program once in three years.
5. The Senior Residents with post-graduate qualification or Diplomate of National Board recognised by the Council, in the speciality having teaching experience in dental colleges may be considered equivalent to Lecturer/Assistant Professor.


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6. Teaching experience in a private dental institution for less than one year shall not be considered relevant for post-graduate faculty.
7. The maximum age limit upto which a person can be appointed or granted extension or re-employed in service against the posts of dental teachers or Dean or Principal, as the case shall be, sixty five years.

Table - 1

Category	Points
Category I: (1) Journals Indexed to Pubmed – Medline Please see- www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed (2) Journals published by Indian/International Dental Speciality Associations approved by Dental Council of India.	15
Category II: (1) Medical / Dental Journals published by Government Health Universities <u>awarding</u> dental degree or Govt. Universities <u>awarding</u> dental degree (2) Original Research/Study approved by I.C.M.R/Similar Govt. Bodies (3) Author of Text / Reference Book concerned to respective specialty (4) Ph.D. or any other similar additional qualification after MDS	10
Category III: (1) Journals published by Deemed Universities / Dental Institutions / Indian Dental Association (2) Contribution of Chapters in the Text Book	5

Note:-


1. For any publication, except original research, first author (principal author) shall be given 100% points and remaining authors (co-authors) shall be given 50% points and upto a maximum of 5 co-authors will be considered.
2. For original research, all authors shall be given equal points and upto a maximum of 6 authors shall be considered.
3. Maximum of 3 publications shall be considered for allotting points in Category III.
4. Publication in tabloids / souvenirs / dental news magazines / abstracts of conference proceedings / letter of acceptance shall not be considered for allotment of points.

Total Score Required:

For Head of Department:	40 marks
Professor:	30 marks
Reader/Associate Professor:	20 marks

IMPORTANT:

1. A post-graduate teacher would be re-evaluated every three years and shall have at least an additional 15 points in their score.
2. A **Journal Review Expert Committee** may be formed which shall enlist all the available international and Indian dental journals in various categories. The list would be displayed on the Council's website. The Committee shall also be responsible for making annual review of the list of journals and shall continuously monitor the standard of publications in various journals and the categories of publications may be upgraded / downgraded, if the standard is not maintained by the journal. In case of any dispute, the recommendation of the Expert Committee shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and decision of the Executive Committee would be final.


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**PART – V
EXAMINATIONS**

18. EXAMINATIONS._

(a) ELIGIBILITY:

The following requirements shall be fulfilled by the candidate to become eligible for the final examination.

- (i) Attendance: Every candidate shall secure (80% attendance during each academic year).
- (ii) Progress and conduct: Every candidate shall participate in seminars, journal review meetings, symposia, conferences, case presentations, clinics and didactic lectures during each year organised by the concerned department.
- (iii) Work diary and log book: Every candidate shall maintain a work diary and log book as per Annexure-I appended to these regulations for recording his or her participation in the training programmes conducted by the department. The work diary and log book shall be verified and certified by the Head of the Department of the institution. The certification of satisfactory progress is based on the work diary and log book.

(b) UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION._

The university examination shall consist of theory, practical and clinical examination and viva-voce and Pedagogy

(i) Theory:

Part-I: Shall consist of one paper

There shall be a theory examination in the Basic Sciences at the end of 1st year of course. The question papers shall be set and evaluated by the concerned Department/Specialty. The candidates shall have to secure a minimum of 50% in the Basic Sciences and shall have to pass the Part-I examination at least six months prior to the final (Part-II) examination.

Part-II: Shall consist of three papers, namely:—


- (ii) Practical and Clinical Examination;
- (iii) Viva-voce; and
- (iv) Pedagogy.

A candidate who wishes to study in a second speciality, shall have to undergo the full course of three years duration in that speciality.

(c) DISSERTATION:

Every candidate appearing for the post-graduate degree examination shall at least six months prior to the examinations, submit with his form for examination, four typewritten copies of the dissertation undertaken by the candidate, prepared under the direction and guidance of his/her guide. The dissertation so submitted shall be referred to the examiners for their examination and acceptance of it shall be a condition precedent to allow the candidate to appear for the written part of the examination:

Provided that a candidate whose dissertation has been accepted by the examiner, but declared failed at the examination, shall be permitted to re-appear at the subsequent examination without a new dissertation:


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