

## The Royal College of Surgeons of England

### Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) and Faculty of Dental Surgery

### Diploma of Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties (MJDF) – Examiner Specification

#### Role details

The Diploma of Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties (MJDF) is the new membership examination of the Faculty of Dental Surgery and Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK). It is a modern assessment designed to recognise the successful acquisition of the knowledge and skills defined in the new foundation training curriculum.

Examiners will be required to commit to a minimum of three days examining each year, and a further three days involving training and other meetings related to the MJDF. In-put to question setting will also be required outside of this time.

Each examiner will be asked initially to commit to a term of three years. Travel and subsistence costs will be paid. The examinations are currently held in London but may be extended to regional venues in the UK and overseas.

Full details on the MJDF examination may be found at [www.mjdf.org.uk](http://www.mjdf.org.uk).

#### Requirements of the role:

##### Knowledge and experience

- Knowledge and understanding of the *Curriculum for UK Dental Foundation Training*.
- Knowledge of the rationale and standard expected of the MJDF 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 post qualification experience
- Three years experience post MJDF or equivalent membership qualification (but see note 4 below)

##### 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

### **Qualifications**

- The examiner should hold the following:

Bachelor of Dental Surgery  
Registration with the General Dental Council  
Membership or fellowship of one of the dental faculties.

### **Applications Process**

Suitably qualified applicants should apply using the application form which accompanies this information.

Completed application forms should be sent to the MJDF Examinations Department, the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) and Faculty of Dental Surgery, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PE.

Tel. 020 7869 6752, email [mjdf@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:mjdf@rcseng.ac.uk).

**The deadline for applications is 27 April 2009.**

Applicants will need to be available for examiner training to be held on Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2009.

#### Notes:

1. Examiners are expected to attend the minimum number of 6 days per year as outlined above.
2. Full validation as an examiner will be dependent on successful completion of training.
3. Examiners are subject to peer review and review during the examination for quality assurance. The highest standards of professionalism and probity are required. Examiners who do not meet this minimum requirement may be asked to leave the examining panel.
4. Whilst the person specification stipulates 3 years experience post achieving MJDF as a requirement for appointment as at this time, the faculties encourage interest from practitioners who do not yet meet this

requirement. Practitioners in this category who meet the other criteria will be offered the opportunity to attend examiner training and other development opportunities, with a view to application and appointment as an examiner at a later date. Interested applicants should provide information using the application form provided.