



## Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations

### Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

### Regulations 2015

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## **Regulations relating to the Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (2015)**

(to be read in conjunction with appropriate Guidance Notes for Applicants)

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1. The applicant must hold a medical qualification recognised for registration by the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom or the Medical Council of Ireland. The applicant must have been qualified for at least five years.
2. The applicant must provide evidence of having reached the standard of clinical competence defined in the Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum either for the award of the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) by the General Medical Council Postgraduate Board or for the award of Certificate of Specialist Doctor (CSD) by the Irish Surgical Postgraduate Training Committee (ISPTC). The required standard may have been achieved through training or qualifications, and experience considered together. The passing of the Intercollegiate Specialty Examination alone does not imply that the CCT, CSD (Ireland) or placement on the Specialist Register will be automatic; the Examination will form only part of the evidence required.
3. This evidence must consist of three structured references in the format prescribed by the Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations (JCIE). These references must be completed by the appropriate senior colleagues with direct experience of the applicant's current clinical practice in the appropriate specialty as defined in the Guidance Notes for Referees.
4. Candidates will have up to a maximum of 7 years to complete the examination process as follows:
  - Section 1: Candidates will have a two year period from their 1<sup>st</sup> attempt with a maximum of 4 attempts with no re-entry.  
  
Candidates who have achieved the required standard in Section 1 and have been granted eligibility to proceed to Section 2 the following will apply:
  - Section 2: Candidates will have a maximum of 4 attempts with no re-entry.

All previous Regulations will be rescinded.

## Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Guide to the Scope and Format of the Examination

**Section 1** will be a written test\* composed of a combination of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ single best answer; 1 from 5) and Extended Matching Item questions (EMI). Each paper will be carefully prepared to cover the curriculum content which can be best assessed in this way. A process of standard setting will then be performed by trained and experienced examiners and this will set the pass mark for the paper.

Candidates must meet the required standard in Section 1 in order to gain eligibility to proceed to Section 2.

### **Paper 1**

Single Best Answer [SBA] (2 hours)

From January 2014 there will be no published paper.

### **Paper 2**

Extended Matching Items [EMI] (2 hours 30 mins)

\* Case, S.M. & Swanson, D.B. (2001). Constructing written test questions for basic and clinical sciences. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edn. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), Philadelphia, USA.  
[www.nbme.org/PDF/ItemWriting\\_2003/2003IWGwhole.pdf](http://www.nbme.org/PDF/ItemWriting_2003/2003IWGwhole.pdf) (retrieved on 15/12/2006).

**SECTION 2** IS THE CLINICAL COMPONENT OF THE EXAMINATION. IT WILL CONSIST OF A SERIES OF CAREFULLY DESIGNED AND STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS ON CLINICAL TOPICS – SOME BEING SCENARIO BASED AND SOME BEING PATIENT BASED.

The format of the Examination will consist of clinical and oral components and will comprise:-

#### **1. Clinical Examination**

- Medium/Long Case Clinical (2 x 15 minute cases)
- 2 x Short Case Clinical Sessions (5 cases will be seen in each of the 2 sessions)

#### **2. Oral Examination**

There will be four oral examinations each lasting 30 minutes:

##### **Section A Topics**

- (a) Craniofacial surgery (including skull base access)
- (b) Dentoalveolar surgery/implantology
- (c) TMJ
- (d) Surgical dermatology

##### **Section B Topics**

- (a) Head & neck oncology
- (b) Head & neck reconstruction
- (c) Salivary gland surgery & pathology

##### **Section C Topics**

- (a) Oral medicine and pathology
- (b) Cleft Lip & Palate
- (c) Orthognathic Surgery

##### **Section D Topics**

- (a) Orofacial infections and emergency surgery
- (b) Orofacial pain
- (c) Maxillofacial Trauma
- (d) Aesthetic surgery

(Please note that operative surgery, ethics, clinical governance, and medico-legal issues may be examined in any of the above orals)

Please note that the Intercollegiate Specialty Board in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery reserves the right to modify the format of the examination

For further indication of the Examination Scope, candidates should consult the Curriculum as published by the SAC in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery [[www.iscp.ac.uk](http://www.iscp.ac.uk)].

### **British Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Medal**

The medal will be awarded annually, by the Board, to a candidate who achieves the highest mark in the examination at the first attempt. All awards are made at the discretion of the Board.

A candidate who is an existing Member of one of the four participating Royal Colleges (Edinburgh, England, Glasgow, Ireland) and who is successful in the Intercollegiate Specialty Examination will be promoted to the Fellowship of their college, unless they indicate another preference. **Only those who are subsequently accorded and maintain the Fellowship of a College are entitled to use that College's associated post-nominals.**

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