



**DENTAL COUNCIL
OF MAURITIUS**

**Information Bulletin
&
Application Form**

Dental Registration Examination (DRE)
(Under Section 22 (1) (g) of the Dental Council Act)
Prior to Registration as Dental Surgeon
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DRE

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1. INTRODUCTION

- i. The Dental Council Act imposes certain criteria prior to registration of a person as a Dental Surgeon. One of the criteria relates to an "examination" which is provided for at Section 22 (1) (g) of the Dental Council Act.
- ii. The examination is named as the Dental Registration Examination (DRE) and it will be conducted in English language.
- iii. The examination consists of **TWO parts:**
 - Part I of the DRE will be a computer-based examination conducted by the National Board of Examinations of New Delhi, India. There will be 150 Multiple Choice Questions having a question stem and 4 distractors with one correct/best response to be answered in 2½hours. This examination is schedule for the 10 December 2024.
 - Part II of the Dental Registration Examination will consist of a viva/voce including clinical/practical examination which will be conducted at the seat of the Dental Council of Mauritius. The Viva Voce Examination will carry 60 marks. The date of the said examination will be communicated at a later stage.
- (iv) Application form for appearing in the Dental Registration Examination can be downloaded from the website of the Dental Council at address dentalcouncil.mu.
- (v) There will be NO negative marking.
- (vi) There will be no restrictions on the number of attempts that can be availed by an applicant.
- (vii) No candidates will be allowed to enter the examination room if he/she is tested positive of Covid -19 virus.

- (viii) The Result of the Dental Registration Examination will be published on the website of the Dental Council of Mauritius
- (ix) A candidate shall be declared as having passed **only** after having scored a minimum of 50% marks in the whole examination (i.e. Part I and Part II)
- (x) **The Dental Council of Mauritius reserves the absolute right to withdraw the authorisation, if any, granted inadvertently to any applicant who is not eligible to appear in the DRE even though an admit Card has been issued.**

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- a) Instructions in the booklet are liable to change based on decisions taken by the Government/Dental Council/Competent Authority from time to time. Applicants are required to refer to the latest communiqué that may be uploaded from the Dental Council Website.
- b) No queries will be entertained with regard to the eligibility and disclosures of results.
- c) Applicants are requested to carefully read the Information Bulletin
- d) Submission of incomplete application not in accordance with instructions will not be considered and the candidate will be declared ineligible. In such cases, the application fee will be forfeited.
- e) Applicants are required to submit all the requisite information as required in the application form; lack of relevant information shall lead to cancellation of application and the application fee will be forfeited.
- f) Applicants should possess a "diploma in dental surgery", i.e. BDS or an equivalent qualification before the cut off date of **25 November 2024** and must submit proof of

passing same. In absence of proof of possessing a “diploma in dental surgery” before the cut-off date of receipt of application, the application shall be treated as **incomplete and fees will be forfeited and the candidature shall be cancelled.**

- g) The foreign dental degrees (“diploma in dental surgery”) should be attested either by the Embassy of Mauritius in the country where the qualification has been awarded **or** should be “apostilled” by the appropriate authority of the foreign country.
- h) Fees once paid will neither be carried forward to a future date nor be refunded under any circumstances. Fee should be paid by the applicant to the Dental Council of Mauritius.
- i) Applications of dental graduates producing false or fabricated records will not be considered and such applicants will be further debarred from appearing in the future examinations of Dental Council of Mauritius. Action as deemed appropriate by the Dental Council will be taken if false or fabricated records/information are submitted or any unfair means are used.
- j) An Admit Card will be issued by Mauritius Examination Syndicate (MES) to all prospective candidates.
- k) Appearance and success in the DRE does not confer any right upon a candidate for seeking registration with the Dental Council of Mauritius.
- l) Undertaking by applicant as per annexure “B” (Declaration by applicant) has to be submitted with application form.
- m) The Admit Card is not transferable to any other person. Impersonation is a punishable offence under law. **CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO BRING THEIR NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT ALONG WITH THE ADMIT CARD FOR ENTRY TO THE EXAMINATION CENTRE.** The Dental Council of Mauritius/Mauritius Examination Syndicate reserves its absolute right to verify the identity of the applicant/candidate.

- n) Candidates are required to strictly adhere to the reporting time as indicated in the Admit Card.
- o) Unfair means: Dental Council of Mauritius/Mauritius Examination Syndicate reserves its absolute right to take such action as it deems appropriate against candidates found using unfair means.

NOTE: *Unfair means includes canvassing for support of a candidate with examiners of DRE/Dental Council Office/any other functionary/use of electronic gadgets such as mobile phones during exam/impersonation/use of study aids as books/notes etc. during exam/influencing any functionary of exam system/any other act intended to breach the sanctity of examination process.*

- p) Candidates are advised to enter a correct valid 8-digit mobile number and their email address in their application form.
- q) Jurisdiction for all disputes shall be exclusively at competent Court in Mauritius.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must meet/fulfill the following criteria:

- a) He/she is a citizen of Mauritius or a non-citizen holding a work permit or exempted from holding a work permit under the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act or hold an occupational permit under section 9A of the Immigration Act.
- b) The candidate should possess a “diploma in dental surgery” or an equivalent qualification.
- c) Cut-off date for submitting the “diploma in dental surgery” (or equivalent qualification) shall be **25 November 2024** It is mandatory to provide proof/documentary evidence in support of the candidate having passed the final examination for such a primary dental qualification before the cut-off date. In the event of the date of issue of

result/proof of primary dental qualification being after the prescribed cut-off date, the application form shall be rejected and candidate declared as ineligible.

4. EXAMINATION CENTRE

- a) The DRE Part I shall be held on **10 December 2024** by the Mauritius Examination Syndicate. The exact venue and timing of the examination shall be communicated in the Admit Card issued by the Mauritius Examination Syndicate.
- b) All candidates shall be called for a viva voce practical including clinical examination (DRE Part II) by the Dental Council of Mauritius.
- c) All candidates are required to bring their National Identity Card or passport and Admit Card as proof of identity at the examination center. Candidates may not be allowed to appear in exam if they are unable to produce their original National Identity Card /or their original passport and the Admit Card.

5. PAYMENT OF FEES

Candidates are required to submit the following fees:

- a) Examination Fee – Rs 13,500/-
- b) The fee is payable to the Office of the Registrar, Dental Council of Mauritius by cash

Kindly Note:-

Candidates remaining absent from the examination will forfeit their examination fee. Candidates are advised to read the rules and regulations carefully and satisfy the terms and conditions for fulfilment of eligibility criteria. Fees shall neither be refunded nor carried forward if the application for DRE is rejected/candidature is found to be ineligible or candidate does not appear in examination.

5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING THE APPLICATION FORM

- a) Write in capital letters only and tick the required information in the boxes wherever provided.
- b) Please note that your name should be exactly the same as in your National Identity Card / Passport

- c) 2 recent passport size **colour** photographs of the applicant are required (one pasted on application form and the second photograph **must bear the name and signature of the applicant at verso** which will be submitted to the MES.
- d) Application form without signature will not be considered and shall be rejected.
- e) Application form must be filled by candidate in his/her own handwriting.

6. ADMIT CARDS

- a) Admit Card will be issued to all eligible applicants.
- b) The applicant should carefully examine the Admit Card and ensure that all the entries therein are correct. In case of any discrepancy, same shall be brought to notice of Mauritius Examination Syndicate.
- c) The Dental Council of Mauritius reserves the absolute right to withdraw the authorisation, if any, granted inadvertently to any applicant who is not eligible to appear in the DRE even though an admit Card has been issued or name displayed on the notice board of Dental Council of Mauritius.**

8. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM

Applicants are requested to ensure that they submit the complete application form, on or before the last date of receipt of application form which is **25 November 2024**. Applications received after that date may not be accepted.

9. DECLARATION OF RESULT OF DENTAL REGISTRATION EXAMINATION

- a) The Result of the Dental Registration Examination will be published on the website of the Dental Council of Mauritius.
- b) There is no provision for re-evaluation/retotalling.**

10. DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT

The applicant **MUST** sign the declaration (in the application form). "Application form" without signature will be treated as incomplete and will be rejected. **Application form not filled by candidate/ not signed by candidates will be rejected.**

11. SYLLABUS

Marks 150

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND ORAL BIOLOGY

Knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry relevant to dentistry

Knowledge and understanding and understanding of biomedical sciences and of oral physiology and cranial craniofacial, dental and oral anatomy in the management of patients

HUMAN DISEASE

Knowledge of the scientific principles of sterilization, disinfection and antisepsis.

Knowledge of the pharmacological properties of drugs used in dental practice and their unwanted effects.

Knowledge of disease processes such as infection, inflammation, disorders of the Immune system, degeneration, neoplasia, metabolic disturbances and genetic disorders.

Familiarity with the pathological features and dental relevance of common disorders of major organ systems.

Familiarity of the role of therapeutics in the management of patients requiring dental treatment.

Familiarity with general aspects of medicine and with main disorders that may impinge on dental treatment.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Competence in carrying out resuscitation techniques and management of cardiac arrest, anaphylactic reaction, upper respiratory obstruction, collapse, vasovagal attack, haemorrhage, inhalation and ingestion of foreign bodies, and diabetic coma.

Knowledge of diagnosing medical emergencies and delivering suitable drugs.

INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL DENTISTRY

Competence in obtaining a detailed history of a patient's dental state pain history

Competence in obtaining a relevant medical history

Competence in using laboratory and imaging facilities appropriately and efficiently.

Competence in clinical examination and treatment planning.

Competence in maintaining aseptic conditions during surgical procedures.

Knowledge of the sources of infection and the means available for infection control.

Competence in arranging appropriate referrals.

Competence in obtaining informed consent and written consent.

Familiarity with the complex interactions between oral health, nutrition, general health drugs and diseases that can have an impact on dental care and disease.

Competence in the management of patients from different social and ethnic groups.

RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Competence in diagnosing and planning preventive, non-operative treatment for individual patients with caries, periodontal disease and tooth wear.

Competence in completing a periodontal examination and charting, diagnosis and treatment plan.

Competence in supragingival and subgingival scaling, root debridement, using both powered and manual methods, and in stain removal and prophylaxis.

Competence in performing cavity preparations for all cavity classes.

Competence in performing amalgam and tooth-coloured restorations.

Competence in performing endodontic treatment of single-and multi-rooted teeth.

Competence in restoring anterior and posterior teeth with crowns, post crowns.

Competence in performing such procedures as simple bridges, partial and complete dentures.

Knowledge of when periodontal surgery may be advised.

Knowledge of how missing teeth could be replaced, choosing between the alternatives of no replacement, bridges, dentures or implants.

Knowledge of the design and laboratory procedures used in the production of crowns, bridges, acrylic and chrome dentures and ability to make chair-side adjustments to these restorations.

Familiarity with the diagnosis and management of temporomandibular joint disorders, ailments of the salivary glands and the maxillary sinuses.

DENTAL BIOMATERIALS SCIENCE

Knowledge of the science that underpins the use of dental biomaterials

Knowledge of the strength of biomaterials.

Familiarity of those aspects of biomaterial safety that relate to dentistry

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Competence in diagnosing active caries and planning appropriate non-operative care in children

Competence in fissure sealing, preventive resin restorations, and pit and fissure restoration

Competence in undertaking approximal and incisal tip restorations.

Knowledge of the preformed stainless steel crowns and pulp therapy in primary molar teeth.

Knowledge of the role of sedation in the management of young patients.

Knowledge of the management of trauma in both dentitions.

ORTHODONTICS

Competence in carrying out orthodontic assessment including and indication of treatment need.

Familiarity with the limitations of orthodontic treatment

Competence in the management in the management of all forms of orthodontic emergencies including referral when necessary.

Knowledge in designing insertion and adjustment of space maintainers.

Knowledge to design, insert and adjust removable appliances to move a single tooth or correct a crossbite.

ORAL SURGERY

Competence in undertaking extraction of teeth and the removal of roots where necessary.

Competence in undertaking minor soft tissue surgery.
Knowledge of the management of acute infection.

Familiarity with the principles of assessment and management of maxillofacial trauma.
Familiarity with the diagnosis of oral cancer and the principles of tumour management

Familiarity with the principles treatment of dento-facial anomalies including the common orthodontic/maxillofacial procedures involved.

Familiarity with the basic principles of oral surgery practice.

Competence in diagnosing and treating (including referrals) of common complications that may arise during routine oral surgery practice.

ORAL MEDICINE

Knowledge of drugs commonly used in oral medicine and their side effects and interactions.

Familiarity with drugs used in main medical disorders that may impinge on dental treatment or causes changes to the hard and soft tissues of the oral cavity.

Knowledge of appropriate special investigations and the interpretation of their results.

Familiarity with the pathogenesis of common oral medical disorders and their treatment.

ORAL PATHOLOGY

Knowledge of the role of laboratory investigation diagnosis.

Competence in matters relating to infection control.

Knowledge of the causes and effects of oral diseases needed for their prevention, diagnosis and management

DENTAL RADIOLOGY AND IMAGING

Competence in taking and processing the various film views used in general dental practice

Competence in radiographic interpretation and ability to write appropriate radiographic report.

Knowledge of the hazards of ionizing radiation and regulations relating to them.

PAIN AND ANXIETY CONTROL

Competence in infiltration and regional block anesthesia in the oral cavity.

Knowledge of when general anesthesia is required.

Competence in managing fear and anxiety with behavioural techniques and emphasizing with patients in stressful situations.

Knowledge of conscious sedation techniques in clinical practice.

LAW, ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

Knowledge of responsibilities of consent, duty of care and confidentiality

Knowledge of the regulatory functions of the Dental Council of Mauritius.

Familiarity with the code of ethics and general principles of deontology.

Familiarity with the need for lifelong learning and professional development.

ANNEXURE "B" – DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I..... aged years
residing at (Residential Address)
..... having passed my "Diploma in
dental surgery" (equivalent to an BDS) examination from (name of Medical
Institution)..... studied in (name of
country).....do declare and certify that:

1. I am a **citizen of Mauritius** OR I am a **non-citizen** holding a work permit or exempted from holding a work permit under the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act or hold an occupational permit under section 9A of the Immigration Act.
2. I am aware that my taking part / success in DRE does not confer any right whatsoever for registration with DCM.
3. I have read the information bulletin for DRE scheduled for **Tuesday 10 December 2024**, and hereby certify that I am eligible to appear in the said exam.
4. I have not submitted any incorrect or false information to the Dental Council of Mauritius for this purpose and I am aware that I shall be liable for action in the event of submission of any incorrect or false information.
5. I Certify that I have filled out the application form for the DRE to be held on **10 December 2024** in my own handwriting.

Signature of Applicant.....

Name of Applicant.....

Date:.....

