

Diploma in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology

The Royal College of Radiologists' Diploma in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology (DDMFR) may be obtained by examination after a minimum of three years of dental and maxillofacial radiology specialist training undertaken within UK training schemes approved by the Royal College of Radiologists and the Specialty Advisory Committee for the Additional Dental Specialties (SACADS). In order to enter the DDMFR Examination, candidates must have passed the physics module of the First FRCR Examination in Clinical Radiology.

GENERAL

- **Dental Qualification:** Candidates must have obtained a dental degree from a university acceptable to the General Dental Council (GDC).
- **Clinical Experience:** Two years of acceptable clinical (non-radiological) experience after qualification are required.
- **Registration:** Candidates must have General Dental Council (GDC) Registration.
- **Flexible (Part-time) Training:** All periods of time specified in this document are whole time equivalent. Flexible (part-time) training must be undertaken on the basis of at least five sessions per week.

TRAINING PERIOD

The Diploma in Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology (DDMFR) of the Royal College of Radiologists may be obtained by examination after a minimum of three years of dental and maxillofacial radiology specialist training. Training must be undertaken within UK dental and maxillofacial radiology training schemes that hold training accreditation from the RCR and the SACADS. At least 80% of a training post's content must comprise radiology, with the remaining content being in a relevant clinical dental specialty.

The training period must include three periods of secondment to a general radiology department, for which defined programmes must be drawn up. In the first year of training this must be equivalent to at least six weeks full time, and in each of the second and third years of training must be equivalent to at least eight weeks full time. At least half of each year's secondment must be as a continuous block.

FIRST FRCR EXAMINATION IN CLINICAL RADIOLOGY

Candidates for the DDMFR Examination are required to have passed the physics module of the First FRCR Examination in Clinical Radiology.

The First FRCR Examination covers UK ionising radiation legislation and basic clinical aspects of physics and patient safety. The examination is held three times a year, normally in March, June and December, and consists of a multiple choice question paper.

DIPLOMA IN DENTAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY EXAMINATION

The DDMFR Examination is in two parts - Part A and Part B. Candidates are not permitted to attempt both parts at the same sitting. There is no limit on the number of attempts that a candidate may make at either part.

To enter either part of the examination, candidates must obtain approval from the head of their training scheme as confirmation that they have completed the appropriate duration and content of training and have received instruction covering the relevant parts of the examination syllabus.

DDMFR Part A Examination

The DDMFR Part A Examination covers anatomy, imaging techniques, physics and radiation protection relevant to dental and maxillofacial radiology. The examination comprises:

- a written question paper
- a film viewing session

The DDMFR Part A Examination is held over two consecutive days twice a year, normally in March and September.

Candidates who have passed the physics module of the First FRCR Examination in Clinical Radiology are permitted to enter the DDMFR Part A Examination once 18 months of accredited dental and maxillofacial radiology training has been completed. Candidates who are unsuccessful in either component of the DDMFR Part A Examination are required to resit both components.

DDMFR Part B Examination

The DDMFR Part B Examination comprises:

- a written question paper
- a reporting session
- two oral examinations

The DDMFR Part B Examination is held over two consecutive days twice a year, normally in March and September. In the oral examinations, candidates are examined by two pairs of examiners; each pair comprises a clinical radiologist and a dental radiologist.

Candidates who have passed the DDMFR Part A Examination are permitted to enter the DDMFR Part B Examination upon completion of three years of accredited dental and maxillofacial radiology training. Candidates who are unsuccessful in any component of the DDMFR Part B Examination are required to resit all three components.

EXAMINATION SYLLABUS, DATES AND FEES

Applicants should ensure they have read the guidance notes for applicants and the examination regulations before applying. Online payment can be made by credit/debit card only.

DIPLOMA AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS

Each successful candidate in the DDMFR Part B Examination will receive a diploma and is entitled to become a member of the Royal College of Radiologists. Entitlement to use the letters DDMFR after their names requires maintenance of good standing with the Royal College of Radiologists by continued payment of the annual membership subscription.