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YOUR MFDS

What is MFDS?

MFDS is the acronym for Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Passing the MFDS examination entitles you to become a member of a UK Royal College.

What does it **involve**?

It is a two part examination:

Part 1 is a written exam;

Part 2 is an OSCE exam (i.e. an 'objective structured clinical examination' with simulated real-life patient scenarios)

Who is it for?

Every dentist in whatever setting will benefit professionally from studying for this clinically orientated exam set at the level of a good general practitioner with broad based knowledge. Patients are keen to have the reassurance that your postgraduate learning is focussed and externally validated to Diploma level. In particular those aiming to develop further in any particular field of dentistry, in particular specialisation, will benefit from having a proven track record of postgraduate experience as symbolised by MFDS.

Where is it recognised?

MFDS is an internationally recognised qualification. It is also recognised by all of the UK Royal Colleges. MFDS is equivalent to the MJDF examination, which is offered by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Will I get letters after my name?

Yes. Once you have passed the exam and are admitted as a member of a Royal College you will be entitled to use the letters MFDS RCPS(Glasg) after your name (or the equivalent for other UK Royal Colleges).

When can I sit it?

Part 1 MFDS exam can be taken at any time after graduating with a BDS.

Part 2 MFDS exam can be taken after passing Part 1 MFDS and having completed 12 months' postgraduate experience in clinical dentistry.

Where can I sit it?

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow has examination centres all over the UK and internationally.

