

## Overseas Registration Exam Part 2 – Results and Feedback

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **I would like to have detailed feedback about why I failed part 2**

We send out feedback to help explain the results. Where it is available the feedback sets out next to the result any particular reasons for failure that the examiners noted. The feedback is not intended to provide detailed comment or coaching for future exams. Beyond any specific reasons given, the general reason any candidate is awarded a fail is that the examiners did not consider that they carried out the exercise to the standard of a just passed United Kingdom, Bachelor of Dental Surgery graduate.

- **I have received my feedback, but I can't tell where I need to improve for next time**

We provide feedback where possible. However the way the Overseas Registration Exam is run means we have to be careful about the level of detail we give.

The ORE has a bank of questions and skills tests. This is designed to be used again in future sittings and helps reduce the cost of the exam to the candidate. We cannot give out details that would identify the questions. This is because it would compromise the integrity of the exam and would give some candidates an unfair advantage in future exams.

- **Please send me mark sheets filled in by examiners**

Under the Data Protection Act you are entitled to see comments made by examiners but the exam scripts themselves are excluded from disclosure under the Data Protection Act. The feedback sheets we send to you advise of reasons for failure.

- **I have failed the Dental Treatment Planning (DTP) section but there are no comments about my reasons for failure on the feedback form. Why is this?**

If no specific reasons are given, this means that your overall performance was not of the standard of a just passed UK BDS graduate.

- **I can't tell from my feedback what I did wrong in the OSCE.**

The skills assessed at each OSCE station are set out in your feedback sheet using the skills code. This should make clear what the examiners were looking for at each station, along with the examiners' assessment of how you performed against each skill.

- **I would like to know the percentage I scored in each station of the OSCE.**

Percentage scores are not provided within the feedback as the pass mark differs on the individual stations, depending on the skill(s) tested and the significance of that particular skill.

Providing marks instead of overall grades in the OSCE is misleading to candidates as it may appear that they were closer to passing than they actually were.

- **Please provide me with model answers and explain how my answers differed from the correct answers**

We are not able to disclose details of the questions in the exam, and these fall within an exemption in the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosing answers and providing you with reasons why your answers were wrong would damage the examination process, and would not be in the public interest. The exam is designed to assess candidates by an unseen test, under pressure. If candidates had access to the questions or answers of the exam, it would be impossible to properly check their abilities.

- **I would like to be able to see the names and corresponding numbers of each station of the OSCE**

As set out above, we cannot provide the names of stations as this could lead to mapping of the test and compromise the integrity of the exam for future candidates. Your feedback details the station number and gives the skills tested at that station.

- **How many people passed the [month] ORE part 2**

Details of the overall pass rate, and the individual sections of the exam are published [here](#) within 40 days of the exam.

- **How was my overall result calculated?**

The examining body (not the GDC) sets pass marks for each part of the exam (based on the standard of a just passed UK BDS graduate). The scheme is complex and is closely linked to the detail of the questions / skills tested. We cannot give out the examiner's marking scheme as this may disclose questions / exercises that will appear in future exams.

- **Why did the examiner fail me on 'X' part of the exam?**

Summary reasons are provided on your feedback sheet. If no specific explanation is given the reason for a fail mark is that the examiner did not consider that you completed the task to the same level of skill as a just passed UK BDS graduate.

- **What further information can I get from the GDC?**

In order to preserve the question bank and the integrity of the exam we are very limited in the information we can provide to you, beyond that in the feedback sheet you are provided. If your query is not answered here please feel free to contact us, but we are unlikely to be able to provide more information than we already have done here.

- **If I make a Freedom of Information request, will I get more information about why I failed?**

No. Freedom of information relates to general information rather than your personal information.