

The General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2026

The General Dental Council make the following Regulations in exercise of their powers conferred by section 19(1) and (2), section 16A and section 52(1A) and (1B) of the Dentists Act 1984¹.

1. Citation and commencement

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2026 and are made on 24 April 2026.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on 1 June 2026.
- (3) In these Regulations –

“instalment date” means the date each instalment falls due.

“Overseas Registration Examination” means the examination held pursuant to section 16A of the Dentists Act 1984 and the General Dental Council (Dentists) (International Registration) Rules 2023.

“medical emergencies examination” means an examination in medical emergencies pursuant to the General Dental Council (Dentists) (International Registration) Rules 2023.

“renewal date” means 31 December in each year.

“retention fee” means the fee due under Regulation 2(1)(e).

“Swiss dentist” means a qualifying applicant who had not before Implementation Period completion day made a registration application (other than an application for registration under Schedule 4 to the Dentists Act 1984).

2. Fees

- (1) The Council hereby prescribe the following fees for the purposes of sections 19 and 16A of the Dentists Act 1984 (Fees) –
 - (a) for the processing of an application for entry of a person’s name in the dentists register: £41.42
 - (b) for the assessment of an application for entry of a person’s name in the dentists register, where applicable: a fee set out in Regulation 3
 - (c) for the processing of an application to take the Overseas Registration Examination: £115.00

¹ 1984 c24: section 19 (1) was amended by SI 2007/3101; section 19(2) was amended; and section 52(1A) and (1B) were inserted by SI 2005/2011.

- (d) for taking of Part 1 of the Overseas Registration Examination (per attempt): £485.00
- (e) for taking of Part 2 of the Overseas Registration Examination (per attempt): £6,967.00
- (f) or the re-sit of the medical emergencies examination: £686.00
- (g) for the first entry of a person's name in the dentists register: a fee equivalent to £58.17 for every month or part thereof from the first day of the month in which the entry is made until the renewal date of the year in which the entry is made.
- (h) for the first entry of a person's name in the dentists register on the basis of temporary registration during such period as specified by a Direction made under Section 17: a fee calculated by the following formula, where A is the length of the directed period in calendar days, B is the fee payable under regulation 2(1)(e) and C is 365: $(A \times B)/C = \text{fee in pounds sterling}$.
- (i) for the retention of a person's name in the dentists register during each period to twelve months following the renewal date: £698.00
- (j) for restoration of a person's name to the dentists register: a fee equivalent to £58.17 for every month or part thereof from the first day of the month in which the entry is made until the renewal date of the year in which the entry is made.
- (2) A person may, with the agreement of the registrar, pay the prescribed fee under regulation 2(1)(i) in such instalments and by such means of payment as the registrar may determine.
- (3) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (2) the registrar may determine –
- (a) the amount of each instalment and the date by which each instalment is to be paid, and
- (b) that payment will be made by direct debit.

(4) When a person is erased for failure to pay the retention fee–

- (a) under regulation 8, or
- (b) under regulation 7 of the General Dental Council (Professions Complementary to Dentistry) (Fees) Regulations 2026,

they are disqualified from entering into an agreement under sub-paragraph (2) in respect of the retention fee that that falls due on the subsequent two annual renewal dates.

Assessment fees

3. This regulation sets out the prescribed fee for the assessment of an application for entry of a person's name in the dentists register.

Section of the Dentists Act 1984 under which the application for registration is made	Assessment fee
Section 15(1)(b) ² – Swiss Dentists Section 15(1)(c)	£75.81
Section 15(1)(ba) ³ – Swiss Dentists	£755.14
Section 17	£75.81

Refusal to make an entry etc.

4. The registrar may refuse to make in or restore to the dentists register any entry until a fee prescribed by these Regulations has been paid.

Notice of retention fee

5. The registrar shall send to each person registered in the dentists register no less than 28 days before the renewal date –

- (a) notice of the retention fee, and
- (b) a warning that failure to pay either –
 - (i) the first instalment by the instalment date and the retention fee by the renewal date, or
 - (ii) any subsequent instalment and the outstanding balance of the retention fee by the end of the calendar month within which the missed instalment date fell due,

may result in that person's name being erased from the dentists register.

² To the extent that it continues to apply to Swiss Dentists by virtue of the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019/593 (as amended by) the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 S.I. 2020/1394.

³ Same as above.

6. The notice and warning required to be sent to a person under regulation 5 shall be sent—
 - (a) to that person’s address in the dentists register,
 - (b) to their last known or any other address if it appears to the registrar that a notice and warning so addressed are more likely to reach the person, or
 - (c) by electronic means with the consent of that person.
7. The fact that the notice and warning required to be sent to a person under regulation 5 have not been received by them shall not—
 - (a) prevent the registrar from erasing that person’s name under regulation 8, or
 - (b) constitute the grounds for the restoration of that person’s name following erasure under regulation 8,

provided that notice and warning have been sent in accordance with regulations 5 and 6.

Erasure for failure to pay retention fee

8. Where a person fails to pay either—
 - (a) the first instalment by the instalment date and the retention fee by the renewal date, or
 - (b) any subsequent instalment and the outstanding balance of the retention fee by the end of the calendar month within which the missed instalment date fell due,

the registrar may erase that person’s name from the dentists register, provided that notice and warning have been sent in accordance with regulations 5 and 6.
9. The registrar may decide not to erase a person’s name under regulation 8 where there is an outstanding issue concerning—
 - (a) that person’s fitness to practise as a dentist, or
 - (b) an entry in respect of that person in the dentists register.

Revocation and transitional provisions

10. The General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2025 are hereby revoked.
11. Any fees due to the Council under or by virtue of the General Dental Council (Dentists) (Fees) Regulations 2025 shall remain due to the Council as though they were payable under these Regulations and the powers contained in these Regulations in the case of non-payment shall apply in the case of such fees.

Given under the official seal of the General Dental Council.

Helen Phillips
Chair

Tom Whiting
Registrar