



Latest updates from the GDC - December 2019

Introducing registration application fees from 1 January 2020

We are introducing application fees for first registrations from 1 January 2020. These new fees are being introduced to cover the costs associated with first registration applications, which are currently met by existing registered dental professionals.

The introduction of these fees will correct this situation and ensure alignment with our fee-setting policy. The removal of this cross-subsidy has also contributed to the recently announced reductions to the Annual Retention Fee for dental professionals.

The new registration application fees are made up of two parts:

- a flat rate for processing costs, and
- a variable rate for costs associated with assessing the application.

The registration application fees will be applied as follows:

Band descriptor (percentages are the proportion of applications from this band in 2018)	Processing fee	Assessment fee	Total fee
Registration as a UK-qualified dentist, dental care professionals (DCP) or additional DCP title(s) (65%)	£22.95	-	£22.95
Registration as a dentist with an EEA qualification, has passed the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE), or a recognised overseas qualification (9%)	£22.95	£65.65	£88.60
Registration (requiring individual assessment) as a DCP with a European Economic Area (EEA) qualification, or an overseas qualification (4%)	£22.95	£506.25	£529.20
Registration as a dentist with a qualification requiring an individual assessment (2%)	£22.95	£662.40	£685.35
Registration (requiring individual assessment) of additional DCP title(s) with an EEA qualification, or an overseas qualification (1%)	£22.95	£453.40	£476.35
Registration as a temporary dentist (<1%)	£22.95	£79.30	£102.25

The new fees apply to almost all applications for first registrations. Due to legal or practical considerations, a small number of categories will remain exempt from the fee until further notice. These include restorations to the registers and visiting EEA-qualified practitioners. There are no changes to the process or charges associated with joining the specialist lists.

Finally, we are introducing a reduction in the charges applied to restorations to registers. From the New Year, those applying for restoration will be charged a pro rata rate, based on time of the year they are applying, as opposed to the full year's fees currently charged.

For further information on these changes, please [visit our website](#).

Our new strategy: Right time. Right place. Right-touch.

Following our consultation in the summer, our Corporate Strategy 2020-2022, has now been finalised and published. Our new strategy, 'Right time. Right place. Right-touch.' sets out our strategic aims for the next three years.

To read more about our plans, please [visit our website](#).



Now approaching Annual Renewal deadline for dentists

The deadline for Annual Renewal for dentists is 31 December.

The quickest way to complete your renewal is using [eGDC](#). As well as paying your Annual Retention Fee (ARF) and making your CPD and indemnity declarations, you can update your personal details and download your annual practising certificate.

If you're planning to renew by post, all forms and payment must reach us by the 31 December deadline. Please ensure you check delivery times with your carrier to ensure it arrives on time. It is important to remember that if you fail to renew your registration on time, you will no longer be able to practise as a dentist in the UK, as you won't appear on the Register in the New Year.

If your CPD cycle ends on 31 December you will need to make an end-of-cycle CPD statement, if you are part way through a CPD cycle, you will need to make your annual CPD statement. End-of-cycle and annual CPD statements must be completed by 28 January 2020.

Go to [eGDC now to complete](#) your renewal.

Attitudes towards Leadership training and development

Health Education England (HEE) wants to better understand the attitudes of dental professionals on leadership training and development and would like your help.

This research is being completed as part of HEE's [Advancing Dental Care programme](#), which aims to develop an education and training infrastructure that is responsive to the changing needs of patients and services.

Your contribution is of significant value. It will be used to assess the development needs of dental professionals and tailor future HEE services effectively. If you feel you are able to help, please complete [this short survey](#), which will only take 5-10 minutes.



What can you learn from the fitness to practise process?

Our two new fitness to practise insight reports are now available. They consider cases opened and closed at initial assessment in Quarter 1 of 2019. The reports include the number of concerns received, an analysis of the types of concerns and the decisions reached.

These reports are a quick read and provide useful insights and guidance for the whole dental team. The analysis will help you to reflect on your own practice and consider any actions you might want to take by considering the experience of others.

You can find these reports on the fitness to practise learning [page of our website](#).