GDCUpdate: March 2024

A view from the Chair: International registration changes take effect and collaboration is key to provisional registration

Our Chair <u>calls for collaboration across the sector on the provisional registration</u> proposals and explains how legislative changes in international registration are supporting our efforts to improve access to the Overseas Registration Examination. He also talks about our analysis of dentists' working patterns data and changes to the executive team.

DHSC launches consultation on provisional registration

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is seeking views on <u>changes to legislation</u> <u>that would provide powers and duties to provisionally register dentists</u> who have qualified overseas. We have <u>welcomed these proposals</u> and want to encourage those with an interest to respond to the consultation before the 16 May deadline.

New application processing fee for those who want to sit the ORE

Anyone who wants to apply to sit the Overseas Registration Examination (ORE) will need to <u>pay</u> <u>an application processing fee from 9 March 2024</u>. The fee will recover the costs associated with processing of these applications and has been set at £96.

We have also announced transitional arrangements that hold examination fees at the current levels until the end of this year before moving to full cost recovery, to ensure we are being fair to candidates by providing sufficient notice of these fee changes. These fees have not changed for nine years. It may be necessary to revise examination fees again, when new ORE contracts are in place in 2025, to align with the new arrangements

You will find details of these changes on our website from 9 March.



Updated guidance on indemnity and insurance

Our updated Guidance on Indemnity and Insurance came into effect on 12 February 2024.

Please familiarise yourself with the guidance. It provides more information to better support dental professionals to meet their responsibilities towards patients, as well as the additional benefits to consider when choosing cover, such as wellbeing support for dental professionals.

You can read or download the revised guidance on our website.

Our new Specialist List Assessed Applications process is up and running

We have now cleared all 130 outstanding applications to join a Specialist List through the assessment process, after <u>bringing it back in-house following a pause for development</u>. We hold Specialist Lists of dentists who are entitled to use one of the 13 specialist titles we recognise.

Approval of the use of specialist titles protects the public against inaccurate claims and provides recognition to those who have the appropriate skills and experience. The Specialist List Assessed Applications process is for dentists who do not hold a Certificate of Completion in Specialist Training and want to join a Specialist List.

Find out how to apply to a Specialist List on our website.