

# MEDICAL COUNCIL MALTA

## REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

### Explanatory notes for prospective applicants for registration and issuing of a licence with the Medical Council of Malta – Dental Surgeons

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In line with the Medical Council Malta's mission statement, these requirements for registration have been drawn up to ensure the highest standards of practice thereby ensuring patient health & safety.

#### **A. Registration**

##### **1. Full Registration**

- May be granted upon application to all graduates in dental surgery from the University of Malta.
- May be granted upon application to all nationals from the European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA), including Maltese nationals, who are in possession of a primary qualification in dental surgery conferred by a University in an EU/EEA state and who are fully registered in an EU/EEA state.
- Basic training in dental surgery shall comprise a total of at least five years of study, which may in addition be expressed with the equivalent European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits and shall consist of at least 5,000 hours of theoretical and practical training. Evidence of duration of theoretical and practical training must be provided. Hours provided as self-study are not recognised. Primary medical qualifications shall be compared to the respective title for the EU Member state as per the current Annex V list (EU Directive 2005/36/EC updated by EU Directive 2013/55/EC).
- May be granted upon application to applicants in possession of a primary qualification in dental surgery from a non-EU/EEA state but who have been fully registered and practising in that–EU/EEA state for a minimum of three years. Qualifications may be assessed for equivalence prior to full registration with the Medical Council of Malta.

- May be granted upon application to applicants who are in possession of a primary qualification in dental surgery conferred by a University in non-EU/EEA state and are nationals of an EU/EEA state or have acquired rights and who have been successful in either a statutory examination or an adaptation period.
- May be granted upon application to non-EU/EEA nationals who are in possession of a primary qualification in dental surgery conferred by a University in a non-EU/EEA state and who have been successful in a statutory examination.
- Proof of Medical Maltese Certification completed prior to the start of studies is required of foreign applicants for clinical practice in undergraduate studies undertaken with Maltese patients.

Notes:

- Nationals of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, who obtained a primary medical qualification from any of these countries before the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004, will be required to provide a certificate of compliance with Council Directive 93/16/EEC from their respective medical regulatory authority.
- Nationals of Bulgaria and Romania, who obtained a primary medical qualification from any of these countries before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, will be required to provide a certificate of compliance with Council Directive 93/16/EEC from their respective medical regulatory authority.

## 2. Temporary Registration

- May be granted upon application in extreme cases ~~upon application~~ for a period of up to two years to non-EU/EEA nationals in possession of a recognized primary qualification in dental surgery and whose services are required by the Public National Health Service. These applicants may be subjected to an interview/examination in their specialty and a linguistic test. This provision does not apply to applicants who have failed the Medical Council Malta Statutory Exam (MCMSE).

## 3. Temporary Service Provision

- May be granted upon application to EU/EEA nationals in possession of a primary dental qualification from an EU/EEA state and fully registered in an EU or EEA state to provide dental services in Malta on an occasional basis. Conditions may apply.

Please note that the following fees apply as per the Budget Measures Implementation Act 2015:

(a) in respect of every new registration in the Medical Council Registers:

Medical, Dental and Specialist.....€ 51.30

(b) in respect of an annual retention fee in the Medical or Dental Register.....€ 38.50

(c) in respect of an annual retention fee in each of the Specialist Registers .....€ 51.30

**B. Licences**

- For the attainment of a Licence to Practice in Malta the profession of medical practitioner or dental surgeon, proficiency in the Maltese and English languages is, save in exceptional circumstances, required.

(An exceptional circumstance would for example be the case of a foreign medical practitioner accompanying a foreign head of state visiting Malta).

**C. Specialities**

- All dental practitioners are required to have their speciality recognised by the Dental Specialist Accreditation Committee (SAC) prior to working in the said Speciality.

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