
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The European Primary and Specialist
Dental Qualifications Regulations 1998**

PART II

SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS

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4.—(1) In relation to specialist dental qualifications in orthodontics and oral surgery, the competent authority in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the Recognition Directive and the Dental Training Directive is the GDC.

(2) Accordingly, in relation to specialist dental qualifications in orthodontics and oral surgery, in addition to the functions conferred upon it elsewhere in these Regulations, the GDC shall as respects the United Kingdom perform the functions—

- (a) of the host member State referred to in the following articles of the Recognition Directive—
 - (i) article 6(1) (requirement to fulfil domestic requirements for specialist training in certain specialties);
 - (ii) article 6(2) (requirement to take into account training already undertaken abroad); and
 - (iii) article 21 (which concerns requiring confirmation of authenticity of foreign diplomas and confirmation that a person has fulfilled the Dental Training Directive's training requirements); and
- (b) of a competent authority referred to in the following articles of the Recognition Directive—
 - (i) article 6(2) (issue of certificates relating to training in the United Kingdom in certain specialties);
 - (ii) article 6(3) (requirement to verify content and duration of foreign specialist training and to communicate what additional training is required in the United Kingdom);
 - (iii) article 7(2) (issue of certificates there mentioned to specialists whose qualifications were awarded in the United Kingdom or who have practised their specialty in the United Kingdom);
 - (iv) article 7(3) (issue of certificates of fulfilment of the Dental Training Directive training requirements in respect of qualifications which do not conform with the designations set out in the Recognition Directive); and
 - (v) article 21 (function of confirming authenticity of CCSTs and of confirming that a person has fulfilled the Dental Training Directive's training requirements).

(3) The GDC is hereby designated as respects the United Kingdom for the purposes set out in this regulation in accordance with—

- (a) article 22 of the Recognition Directive (which requires member States to designate the authorities competent to issue or receive the diplomas, documents and other information referred to in the Directive); and
- (b) article 2(3) of the Dental Training Directive (which requires member States to designate the authorities or bodies competent to issue diplomas, certificates or other evidence of formal qualifications referred to in Article 2(1) of the Dental Training Directive).

Fees

5.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, the GDC may charge such reasonable fees as it determines to cover the cost of providing services in the course of the performance of any of its functions under or by virtue of Part II of these Regulations.

(2) The GDC may set those fees at levels such that (taken together) the fees also cover the cost of such of its overheads as are reasonably attributable to the performance of all of its functions under or by virtue of Part II of these Regulations; but the fees must not include any element of profit.

(3) The fee charged by the GDC for any particular service must not include more than a reasonable proportion of the total cost of its overheads referred to in paragraph (2).

(4) This regulation does not prevent the GDC, where it has power to do so, from setting any other fee which it has power to charge at a level designed to include costs referred to in this regulation; but any costs recovered that way cannot also be recovered by way of fees under this regulation.