



The Joint Management Board of the Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties Examination (MJDF) has decided that, given the ongoing challenge of COVID-19, it will not be possible to run the MJDF Part 2 examination in November 2020 as scheduled. Whilst the Faculty of Dental Surgery of The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS Eng.) will be delivering some of its dental examinations remotely this autumn, the practical nature of the MJDF Part 2 examination means that remote delivery would not be possible without significantly changing the assessment construct or syllabus coverage of the examination.

The Faculties have agreed, therefore, that those registered to sit the MJDF Part 2 in November will be offered the opportunity to sit the Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS RCS Eng.) Part 2 examination instead. This is being delivered remotely in November. Given that the syllabus of this examination is also based on the Dental Foundation curriculum, and the standard against which candidates are assessed is the same as the MJDF Part 2 (two years post-primary dental qualification), candidates who are successful in taking MFDS Part 2 in November, having previously passed MJDF Part 1, will have the option of gaining joint membership of both the Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Faculty of General Dental Practice UK or of joining either Faculty.

The post-nominal letters awarded to successful candidates who are eligible for admission to joint membership would be MFDS (RCS Eng.) MFGDP (UK). The post-nominal letters awarded to successful candidates electing to join either Faculty would be those of that Faculty alone.

Candidates are asked to confirm in writing to mjdf@rcseng.ac.uk that they wish to sit the MFDS Part 2 in November and, if successful, which Faculty/Faculties they would wish to join.

Candidates who do not wish to sit in November will be eligible for a refund of their application fee and should notify Colleges accordingly.

Whilst the Joint Management Board hopes that candidates who wish to sit the MJDF Part 2 specifically will be afforded another opportunity to do so in Spring 2021, there is no guarantee that this will be feasible in view of the current level of uncertainty in relation to the ongoing challenge of COVID-19.