MFDS Training Package
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Take your career to the next level
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A smooth transition

The transition from university undergraduate to dental trainee marks a defining stage in your career as a dental professional.

**Foundation Training**

The first two years after graduating are known as the Foundation Training years. During this stage of your career you will begin to lay the foundations for your future professional endeavours. You will be faced with important decisions about your future: Do you want to specialise in a particular field of dentistry or complete academic research?

Whatever you decide, the dental team at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow is here to support and guide you.

We will do our best to ensure the professional aspects of your training and development are as straightforward as possible.

**MFDS**

Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS) is a mark of excellence that symbolises your dedication to the profession and to professional education. It will enhance your career prospects.

**It will make you stand out.**

As a dental graduate you may aspire towards successfully completing your MFDS exam 2-3 years post graduation. The MFDS demonstrates continued professional development with a broad based knowledge, and is highly recommended for all dentists, whether working in primary care, or intending to specialise in a particular field.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow has a unique, tailor-made MFDS Training Package to support your needs during the important foundation years between leaving university and completing the Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery (MFDS) exam.
Lay your foundations

Vocational Training (VT) aka Dental Foundation Training (DFT)

All graduates must complete a compulsory one year period of vocational training after completing the BDS. This is normally completed in primary care. Once completed, you will be qualified to work in general practice or the salaried dental service.

A VT/DFT information pack will be sent to you in the December of your final year at university. More information is also available from NHS Careers: www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

Vocational Training (VT2) aka Dental Core Training (CT1)

Some dentists will also choose to undertake a second year of vocational training and work towards completing the MFDS, or an equivalent, postgraduate examination. The MFDS benefits both hospital dentists wishing to work in a specialist area and primary care dentists wishing to improve their practice as well as their career prospects.

VT2/CT1 normally involves 6 months working in a hospital dental service and 6 months working in the community dental service, both of which provide the foundation for your chosen specialty. Information about the different specialties are available from the Committee of Postgraduate Deans and Directors (COPDEND).
MFDS Part 1 and Part 2

You can sit your MFDS Part 1 examination as soon as you feel ready. Many choose to sit the exam at the end of vocational training (VT/DFT), others sit it sooner. We run preparatory courses for MFDS Part 1 and 2 which help you prepare for the examinations whenever you do decide to sit them.

You must have at least 12 months of clinical experience before you can sit MFDS Part 2. Some candidates choose to sit their Part 2 examination within a few months of passing Part 1, others wait until they have gained more experience.

Our tailor-made MFDS Training Package allows you spread the cost of the examinations and complete them in a timeframe that suits you.

12, 18, and 24 month packages are available - please read on to find out more.
Prepare and succeed

MFDS Part 1

Revision Course
Our three-day revision course for the MFDS Part 1 exam takes the format of formal lectures, which aim to cover the key topics of the exam and ensure that you:

- have the necessary knowledge about the key areas of the exam
- understand what is expected of you in the exam
- know what not to do in the exam

Topics covered include:
- Restorative Dentistry
- Oral Surgery
- Oral Medicine
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Orthodontics
- Evidence-based Dentistry

Examination
You can sit your MFDS Part 1 exam at any of our UK and international centres, including:
- Belfast
- Cardiff
- Glasgow
- Newcastle
- Portsmouth
- Sheffield
- Chennai
- Dharwad
- UAE
- Muscat
- Tripoli
- New Delhi
- Bangalore

£50 off the cost of each revision course is given to all candidates on the MFDS Training Package
MFDS Part 2

Revision Course
Our two-day revision course for the MFDS Part 2 exam includes both interactive lectures and practical sessions to prepare you for your OSCE.

The course includes the following sessions and topics:
- Presentations and practical skills stations covering:
  - history taking
  - special tests
  - diagnoses, problem lists and discussion of possible treatment options
  - planning and explaining treatment
  - breaking bad news/handling complaints
  - medical history and managing emergencies
- Interactive sessions on ethics, law and communication
- Mock OSCEs

Examination
You can sit your MFDS Part 2 examination at one of our UK or international centres:
- Glasgow
- Manchester
- Dehli
- UAE
- Bangalore

We run each revision course and examination twice per year offering you greater flexibility
Build your support team

As a dental trainee, you are eligible for Introductory (GDC Registered Trainee) membership at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

Whether you plan to be a general dental practitioner or hospital specialist, joining the College at this early stage in your career can bring many rewards.

It will bring you closer to others working in dentistry and provide a support network to guide you through your foundation years to full membership.

Introductory membership

As well as supporting you as you work towards MFDS, our Dental Introductory (GDC Registered Trainee) membership package offers you the opportunity to:

- expand your knowledge and gain CPD through the complimentary Dental Update App (saving you £50)
- gain career support and advice through virtual mentorship
- broaden your knowledge and networks through discounted conferences, symposia and lectures
- access a huge range of library resources and one-to-one library support
- develop your research and academic skills through our range of awards and scholarships
- benefit financially and socially by maximising the use of our lifestyle benefits, which include discounted hotel rates worldwide.

Free introductory membership is given to all candidates who have signed up to the MFDS Training Package
Membership of the Faculty

Successful completion of your MFDS makes you eligible to become a Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Membership benefits include:

- a free subscription to the journals Dental Update and Orthodontic Update and free access to the Dental Update App - a saving of over £120 per year
- free verification of qualifications for potential employers
- continuing professional development and discounted courses and symposia
- networking opportunities and career support through our regional advisors located across the UK
- significant discounts on room hire for weddings and events at Fifteen Ninety Nine

A 50% discount on the Member admission fee is given to all candidates on the MFDS Training Package
Know the score

Once you leave university and start working you will be faced with a number of financial costs, such as GDC registration and indemnity insurance to practise, as well as course and examination fees.

In order to make life a little bit easier for you, we have designed a unique MFDS Training Package that enables you to spread the cost of the revision courses and examinations over 12, 18 or 24 months. This also allows you to pencil in the dates early so that you can plan ahead.

There are no surprises or hidden costs.

The MFDS Training Package is simply a means to make life easier for you with upfront information and knowing what to expect. If you prefer to pay as you go that is also fine. The choice is yours.

Anyone who signs up for the MFDS Training Package is automatically given:

- complimentary introductory membership of the College
- 50% off the Member admission fee once you complete the MFDS Part 2 (a saving of £75).
- discounts totalling £100 off the cost of the revision courses.

Don’t forget to claim your study leave

Study leave budgets are available to many dental trainees. If you qualify, you may be able to claim back the cost of the revision courses. Speak to your supervisor to find out more.
### 12 month payment plan | £175 per month

**Sign up by 1st December or 1st June**

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### 18 month payment plan | £116.67 per month

**Sign up by 1st November or 1st May**

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### 24 month payment plan | £87.50 per month

**Sign up by 1st September**

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Course and examination dates and fees listed may be subject to change. Please check the website [http://rcp.sg/mfds](http://rcp.sg/mfds) for more information.
MFDS: At a glance

What is MFDS?
The MFDS is a postgraduate diploma. MFDS is the acronym for Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Passing the MFDS examination entitles you to become a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

What does it involve?
It is a two part examination:
Part 1 is a written exam; Part 2 is an OSCE exam (i.e. an ‘objective structured clinical examination’ with simulated real-life patient scenarios).

Who is it for?
Every dentist in whatever setting will benefit professionally from studying for this clinically orientated exam covering broad based knowledge gained during the first 2-3 years post graduation. Patients are keen to have the reassurance that your post GDC registration learning is focussed and externally validated to Diploma level. In particular those aiming to develop further in any particular field of dentistry will benefit from having a proven track record of continued learning and postgraduate experience as symbolised by MFDS.

Where is it recognised?
MFDS is an internationally recognised qualification. It is also recognised by all of the UK Royal Colleges. MFDS is equivalent to the MJDF examination, which is offered by the Faculty of General Practice (UK) and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Will I get letters after my name?
Yes. Once you have passed the exam and are admitted as a member of the College, you will be entitled to use the letters MFDS RCPS(Glasg) after your name.

When can I sit it?
MFDS Part 1 exam can be taken at any time after graduating with a BDS. MFDS Part 2 exam can be taken after passing Part 1 MFDS and having completed 12 months’ postgraduate experience in clinical dentistry.

Where can I sit it?
The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow has examination centres all over the UK and internationally.
Your career path

MEMBERSHIP

TRAIINEE

UNDERGRADUATES

FELLOWSHIP

ROLES
- Consultant
- Senior Lecturer/Professor
- Clinical Director
- Dentist with Enhanced Skills
- Specialist Practice Dentist

- Revalidation
- Professional Designation
- MFDS RCPS (Glasg)
- Ongoing CPD (Non Clinical Skills Training)

- Professional Network
- Financial Award
- Examiner Training
- International & UK Examiner
- Professional Designation FD6 RCPS (Glasg)

- Communication Skills Training
- Dental Scholarship Awards
- Network Support and Career Development
- Access to Journals (including Athens)
- Financial Rewards (e.g. tax relief on membership)
- Discounted Education Events (e.g. MFDS prep course)
- Dental Faculty Awards (e.g. for Research & Travel)

- College Governance & Voting Rights
- Dental Faculty Comms.
- Financial Rewards (including preferential local hotel rates)
- Dental Update (exclusive free subscription)

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- Access to Journals
- Financial Rewards (e.g. tax relief on membership)
- Discounted Education Events (e.g. MFDS prep course)
- Dental Faculty Awards (e.g. for Research & Travel)
Useful acronyms

Do you know your DCPs from your VDPs?!

BDA  British Dental Association
     www.bda.org

BDS  Bachelor of Dental Surgery

COPDEND  UK Committee of Postgraduate Dental Deans and Directors
          www.copdend.org

CPD  Continuing Professional Development

DCP  Dental Care Professional

DCT  Dental Core Training

DFT  Dental Foundation Training

FGDP(UK)  Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK)

GDC  General Dental Council
     www.gdc-uk.org

GDP  General Dental Practitioner

GDS  General Dental Service

MFDS  Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery

MJDF  Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties (RCS England
      equivalent to MFDS)

NHS  National Health Service
     www.nhscareers.nhs.uk

RCPSG  Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
       www.rcpsg.ac.uk

SDS  Salaried Dental Service

VDP  Vocational Dental Practitioner (a dentist completing the VT phase
    of training)

VT  Vocational Training
Terms and conditions

1. All applicants will be assessed for eligibility. The eligibility criteria can be found on the College website www.rcpsg.ac.uk/dentistry
2. Places are allocated on a first come basis.
3. No money will be collected until the application has been accepted.
4. Fees to be paid via direct debit only. The payment will be taken on or around the 18th day of every month. The date of the direct debit may not be changed.
5. The package is only open to those with a UK bank account.
6. Term of package is 12, 18 or 24 months. For full details visit http://rcp.sg/mfds
7. Once entered into, the only changes to the cost of the package will be for increases in examination fees or where examination withdrawal or transfer requests are made. Charges will be levied in accordance with the current edition of the MFDS Examination Regulations and are subject to normal terms and conditions for educational events.
8. Examination results for individual examinations will only be issued if the fees for that examination are fully paid.
9. If a candidate does not pass MFDS Part 1 at the first attempt, the candidate should immediately instruct the finance office in the College to suspend the direct debit payment. College will suspend the Direct Debit collection, after ensuring that the fees for the Part 1 examination and course are fully paid. Should the candidate wish to rejoin the MFDS Training Package and retain the associated benefits, they should discuss directly with the finance office in the College. The finance office can be contacted by calling 0141 221 6072
10. Candidates unable to attend a revision course for any reason may transfer to another revision course but are not eligible for a refund.
11. Candidates wishing to take a career break should contact the College and arrangements will be made to suspend the Direct Debit collection.
12. Candidates on maternity leave or long term sick leave should contact the College and arrangements will be made to suspend the Direct Debit collection.
13. Examination fees are subject to change. The fees listed are correct at the time of publication.
14. Candidates withdrawing from the package will not be eligible for any refunds and will be liable for payment of any outstanding fees for examinations and/or revision courses.

Data Protection: All Information we hold concerning you as an individual will be held and processed by the College strictly in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Such data will be used by the College to administer its relationship with you as a Fellow or Member. We will not, without your consent, supply your name and address to any third party except where (1) such transfer is a necessary part of the activities that we undertake, including the provision of library services (if applicable) or (2) we are required to do so by operation of law. As an individual you have a right under the Data Protection Act 1998 to obtain information from us, including a description of the data that we hold on you. Should you have any enquiries about this right please contact Membership Services Administrator at the College.
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