

**Registration as a dentist with the General Dental Council, UK
Advice for applicants who have completed the Overseas Registration
Examination (ORE)**

1. Introduction

This advice sheet is aimed to assist your application for full registration after successful completion of the ORE part 1 and part 2.

2. The Application Process

2.1. Complete Applications

Applications and processing times are dependent upon receipt of a complete application. An application is considered complete when all the required documents have been provided in accordance with the Council's standards. Any document having a 3 month time limit must be in date when the application is complete and the registration is being issued. These standards are outlined in the guidance below. When all of the requirements have been met, please send your completed application in person or by post to the Registration Department (New Applications), General Dental Council, 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AJ, UK.

2.2. The following checklist must be complete for applications to be processed:

- a completed application form; and
- the fee.

If applicable, you may need to provide the following supporting evidence

- an original certificate of good standing;
- original or certified evidence of the applicant's current passport; original or certified evidence of the primary dental qualification;
- translations;
- evidence of English language
- evidence of name change

2.3. Completed Application Form

All sections of the application form must be completed. The paragraphs below provide guidance on completing each section of the form. Further guidance notes are also attached to the application form.

Section 1: Details

The details that you enter in this section are your registered details. Your name and qualifications will appear in the Register which will be available to the public on the GDC website. All other details provided in this section will not be available to the public.

The GDC's register rules and regulations require us to keep a register of the names of everyone who is registered with us. The registers are public documents and are published on our website. The dentists and DCP registers contain the names and other information about a registrant the GDC is legally obliged to make public.

Registered addresses are not currently public information. Please note that the GDC may choose to publish your full registered address in the future, therefore the GDC recommends that your registered address is either a business or a practice address. Using your business or practice address will assist, if necessary, with local resolution of complaints.

It is important to note that any formal notices issued by the GDC will be sent to your registered address, therefore you must have access to correspondence at this address.

Section 2: Character Reference

The Character Reference must be provided by another professional such as a dentist, lawyer, or doctor who has known you for over one year and who is not a member of your family. The character reference must be no more than three months old at the time the application for registration is completed. If expired, the application will not be processed and current documents requested.

Section 3: English Language

The Dentists Act 1984 requires the GDC to be satisfied that all applicants have the necessary knowledge of English prior to entry to our registers. For types of evidence we are likely to accept please refer to "[Evidence of English language competence: guidance for applicants.](#)"

Section 4: Health and Character Self Declaration

The Health and Character Self-Declaration must be completed and signed by the applicant. Please read guidance notes attached to the application form for further information.

2.4. The Fee

There is a fee to apply for registration. Further information can be found on our [website](#). If your application is successful, please note that the amount you are required to pay for registration is dependent on when your complete application is processed and registration is granted. The registration fee can be made by debit or credit card.

Once registered you must ensure that you make payment by the end of December of each year to remain registered.

2.5. Certificate of Current Professional Status / Certificate of Good Standing

The certificate of current professional status (previously known as a certificate of good standing) must be issued by the competent dental authority in the country where you last worked as a dentist. The original certificate of current professional status must be current and less than three months old from the date of issue at the time the application is completed and registration is issued.

If you currently hold a temporary registration direction and there has been no gap between the point when you held temporary registration and applying for full registration, you will not need to provide a new certificate of current professional status.

2.6. Passport and Primary Dental Qualification

Evidence of Nationality and Identity

The Council will only accept the original or certified colour copies of the current passport or identification.

Primary Dental Qualification

The Council will only accept the original or certified copies of the primary dental qualification.

Change of Name

Please note that your full name must correspond exactly on all documents. If your name has changed or differs on any documentation you must include evidence (e.g. a certified copy of the marriage certificate or a statutory declaration).

2.7. Translations for any document not in English must follow the Guidelines

- The certified translation must be produced by a qualified translator; and
- The translation must be attached to a copy of the specific document; and
- The translator must confirm in English writing that the translation is an exact translation of the copy attached; and
- The translator must provide their contact details, including the full street address.

The Council will not accept a translation of a translation (e.g. a Romanian diploma translated into Greek, then to English from Greek is not acceptable).

2.8. Certified copies must meet all the following criteria:

- The document must be a first-generation photocopy (i.e. a photocopy of the original document, not a photocopy of a photocopy or of a fax); and
- Where the person certifying is a Notary Public, Commissioner of Oaths, Justice of Peace or other entitled to practise law or is an authorised officer of an embassy or consulate (a mayor or police officer cannot certify documents); and
- Where the person certifying the copy must confirm in English writing that they have inspected the original document(s) and that the document they are certifying is a 'true copy of the original'; and
- Where the copy must bear the contact details of the person certifying, including the name, signature and address; and

- Where the person certifying the documents is not the applicant themselves, or their spouse.

3. Processing Times

The council has a maximum of three months from receipt of a complete application to inform the applicant of the outcome.

It is illegal to practise dentistry in the UK before a registration number is issued.

A Registration Certificate will be sent to your address upon successful inclusion to the Register. You may also search the online Registers on the Council's website www.gdc-uk.org. Your name, qualification(s) and registration number will appear in the Register when you are registered.

Once registered you must have appropriate professional indemnity in place to practise in the UK.

4. Contact Details

If you are unclear about any matter, please telephone the GDC Registration Department on Tel: +44 (0) 20 7167 6100; Email: Registration@gdc-uk.org.