

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORTHODONTICS (AdvDipOrth)

(See also General Regulations)

The Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics is a postgraduate award following the satisfactory completion of a prescribed course of advanced study and research related to orthodontics.

Admission requirements

- D47** To be eligible for admission to the course for the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics, a candidate shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) hold the degree of Master of Dental Surgery (Orthodontics) of this University, or a degree or other qualification of equivalent standard from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if deemed necessary.
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Qualifying examination

- D48** (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test a candidate's formal academic ability or his ability to complete the prescribed courses of study and clinical practice. It shall consist of one or more written papers, a practical examination and oral examinations.
- (b) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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Award of diploma

- D49** To be eligible for the award of the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics, a candidate shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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Curriculum

D50 The curriculum shall comprise an approved programme of study, practice and research in a field related to the practice of orthodontics as prescribed in the syllabus. It shall extend over not less than twelve months of full-time study or twenty-four months of part-time study and shall include examinations and the submission of a research paper or clinical paper.

- D51** To complete the curriculum a candidate shall
- (a) follow instruction in the courses prescribed and complete satisfactorily all coursework requirements;
 - (b) satisfy the examiners in all examinations as may be required; and
 - (c) complete and submit a research paper which satisfies the examiners.

Research or clinical paper

D52 The research or clinical paper shall be prepared for/submitted for publication in an international dental journal in the final academic year of study; the candidate shall submit a statement that the paper represents his own work (mainly) undertaken after registration as a candidate for the award. The examiners may prescribe an oral examination on the subject of the paper.

Examinations

D53 Examinations take the form of a written paper, oral, practical and clinical examinations.

D54 A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any part of the examinations may be permitted to present himself again for examination at a time to be determined by the Board of Examiners; or he may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

D55 A candidate who has presented a research paper which has failed to satisfy the examiners may be permitted to revise and re-present the research paper within a period to be determined by the Board of Examiners; or he may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

Examination results

D56 At the conclusion of the examinations, the names of the successful candidates shall be published in alphabetical order.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN ORTHODONTICS

A. PREAMBLE

1. The objectives of the Advanced Diploma in Orthodontics are to enable candidates to achieve an advanced level of knowledge and competence in a branch of orthodontics by means of
 - (a) a prescribed course of study having a minimum of 300 hours of coursework (i.e., lectures and seminars and related written and practical work); and
 - (b) additionally, a supervised research project and the submission of a research paper.

The prescribed course of study will include subjects to be taken by all candidates, in accordance with the syllabus specified by the Programme Director. The supervised research projects will be related to each candidate's prescribed course of study.

2. Candidates must attend the practice of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital for at least four sessions a week as defined by the Programme Director.
3. The methods and pattern of assessment and examination of each candidate will be determined by the Programme Director.

B. SYLLABUSES

DENT6012 Advanced diploma in orthodontics

A course of advanced study and supervised clinical practice relating to diagnosis and treatment of complex dentofacial anomalies by orthodontic means with specific emphasis on the interface with maxillofacial surgery.