

5 *The Licensing Examination of the Dental Council*

5.1 The Dental Council has appointed the Examination Committee and the Board of Examiners to assist it in administering the Licensing Examination of the Council. The Examination Committee is the policy arm of the Council in recommending the policy, format and rules governing the Examination whilst the Board of Examiners is responsible for conducting the Licensing Examination.

5.2 The Examination Committee consists of:-

- (a) 2 members of the Dental Council (1 of them shall be the Chairman);
- (b) 2 registered dentists nominated by the University of Hong Kong;
- (c) 2 registered dentists nominated by the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong;
- (d) 2 registered dentists nominated by the Hong Kong Dental Association; and
- (e) 2 registered dentists being public officers and nominated by the Department of Health.

5.3 The membership of the Committee is as follows :-

Professor Anne Sinclair McMillan
(Chairman) (Member of the Council)

Dr Wong Tin-chun (Member of the Council)

Professor Nigel Martyn King (HKU) *(since 19.2.2004)*

Professor Lakshman Perera Samaranyake (HKU)

Professor Erik Urban Oskar Hägg
(CDSHK)

Dr Tse Siu-kwong, Anthony (CDSHK)

Dr Ho Chi-wai, David (HKDA)

Dr Wong Chi-wai (HKDA)

Dr Chan Cho-yee, Joseph (DH)

Dr Elizabeth Lim Kwan, JP (DH) *(up to 18.2.2004)*

Dr Yau Chuen-kam (DH) *(since 19.2.2004)*



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5.4 The composition of the Board of Examiners is as follows :-

- (a) 5 registered dentists nominated by the University of Hong Kong;
- (b) 1 registered dentist nominated by the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong;
- (c) 1 registered dentist nominated by the Hong Kong Dental Association; and
- (d) 1 registered dentist being a public officer and nominated by the Department of Health.

5.5 The membership of the Board of Examiners is as follows :-

Professor Nigel Martyn King (Chairman)
(HKU)

Dr Cheung Shun-pan, Gary (HKU)

Professor Cheung Lim-kwong (HKU)

Dr Esmonde Francis Corbet (HKU)

Dr John Edwin Dyson (HKU)

Dr Zee Kwan-yat (CDSHK)

Dr Fok Ka-hang, Tony (HKDA)

Dr Lee Kwing-hong (DH)

5.6 For the purpose of appointment to the Examination Committee and the Board of Examiners, the term "registered dentist" includes a person who is a full-time teaching staff of the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Hong Kong.

5.7 The Licensing Examination is conducted by the Board of Examiners. The Examination is intended for those non-Hong Kong trained dentists who wish to register as dentists in Hong Kong. Upon passing the Examination, a person will be eligible to obtain full registration with the Dental Council. For the purpose of monitoring and maintaining the standard of the Examination at an international level, an overseas examiner is appointed, through the nomination of the Board of Examiners and the endorsement of the Examination Committee, to give comments on the multiple choice question papers and to examine some of the candidates in the practical and clinical parts of the Examination. The overseas examiner would also provide comments on the Examination for consideration of the Board of Examiners.

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5.8 The Examination is held annually by the Board of Examiners. At present, it consists of three parts as follows:-

(a) Part I - Multiple-choice question papers, set in both Chinese and English, on professional subjects including Applied Basic Sciences; Medicine and Surgery in relation to Dentistry; Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics, and Medical Emergencies in relation to dentistry; Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology; Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics; Conservative Dentistry; Periodontology, Preventive Dentistry and Dental Public Health; and Prosthetic Dentistry;

(b) Part II- Practical Test which is designed to test candidates' manual dexterity and professional competence in Children's Dentistry and Orthodontics; Prosthetic Dentistry; Conservative Dentistry; Periodontology and Dental Public Health, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

(c) Part III- Clinical Test which is designed to test candidates' ability to apply their professional knowledge to clinical situations particularly in diagnosis, treatment planning and treatment in the restoration of teeth; diagnosis and treatment of periodontal conditions; prosthetic treatment provision; surgical management of patients; and the diagnosis, treatment planning, and management of infants, children and adolescents.

5.9 In 2004, the Board of Examiners held 3 meetings to consider the examination results. Details of the results of the examination, since its establishment in 1986, are shown at **Table 6**.

