Medical and Dental Council of Namibia (MDCNA)

Evaluation for foreign trained Dental graduates wishing to enter internship in Namibia

Scope and guidelines of the dental evaluations
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COMPONENTS OF THE EVALUATION

Practical Evaluation

Length and format: Clinical knowledge and application is assessed using an oral evaluation, Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE). The slides will evaluate clinical knowledge of Oral and Maxillo-facial surgery, Restorative dentistry, Periodontics, dental trauma, oral radiology, Implantology, Crown and Bridge, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics, dental materials and ethics.

Making the Results Known

The results should be available **approximately two weeks** following the clinical evaluation. Successful candidates to be informed of the written evaluation dates and unsuccessful candidates to be given their status in regard to future attempts. Where a candidate wants to know in which areas of the clinical evaluation s/he needs to concentrate in the future, the Council may refer him/her to the practical evaluation coordinator, who will tell him/her which clinical area he/she did not pass.

Written Evaluation

The written evaluation is a Multiple-Choice evaluation. (Single best answers) There is **no negative marking**. It has eight components which are organized into two papers. Each paper is 90 questions long. Evaluation time is **three** hours for each paper (total of 180 questions over six hours). The test is set in English. The level of difficulty is set at the level of a BDS/DDS V exit exam. Paper one, will be composed of Restorative dentistry, Periodontics, Endodontics and Ethics; Paper two will be composed of Oral and Maxillo-facial dentistry, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics and Crown and Bridge. The results may be obtained within two weeks following the evaluation. The candidates to be informed of the outcome of the written score. Marked scripts shall not be made available to candidates.
DISCIPLINARY MEASURES AND PROCEDURES

Written Evaluation
Any irregularities, or conduct construed as dishonest, is dealt with by the invigilators during the evaluation, and reported to the Council for action.

Practical Evaluation
Any irregularities or conduct construed as dishonest during the practical evaluation that is noticed by any evaluator or administrative assistant to be reported immediately to the Council for action.

EVALUATION RULES

Practical section (OSCE)
Three opportunities shall be offered to the candidate for the practical section. In the event a candidate fails the practical section, then he/she has failed the entire evaluation. No supplementary will be offered for a candidate who fails the Practical section. Dates of the next available evaluations will be communicated by Council. The candidate may be requested to take a practical training program for a period not more than twelve months, before his/her second or third opportunity.
**Theory section (MCQ)**

Has eight sections administered in two, three-hour papers (90 questions each). Candidates must reach 50% pass mark in each section. If two sections are failed (with a score between 40-49%), these two sections may be supplemented. If three or more sections are failed, the candidate failed the entire evaluation and should undergo appropriate remediation provided by training facilities accredited for training of dental interns / students.

**Number of attempts**

The candidate shall be offered three attempts in total to be successful at the evaluation. These exclude supplementary of written evaluation. Re-evaluation will be done at the cost of the candidate.

**Frequency of evaluations**

Council evaluations shall be conducted twice a year, Jan/Feb and Oct/Nov and as Council may determine from time to time.
LIST OF RECOMMENDED READING MATERIALS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

MODULE: ORTHODONTICS

MODULE: DENTAL MATERIALS
O’Brien WJ. Dental Materials and their selection. 3rd or later edition, Quintessence Publishing Co, assigned chapters.

MODULE: PERIODONTOLOGY

MODULE: ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

MODULE: OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AND ENDODONTICS

MODULE: PROSTHODONTICS