



FIJI DENTAL COUNCIL

Guidelines for obtaining Registration

as a Vocational (Specialist)

Dental Practitioner in Fiji

1. The Fiji Dental Council shall recognise the following specialities officially for the purposes of obtaining registration on the Vocational Dental Register:
 - a) Dental Public Health
 - b) Endodontics
 - c) Oral Pathology
 - d) Oral Radiology
 - e) Oral and Maxillofaical surgery
 - f) Orthodontics
 - g) Periodontics
 - h) Pediatric Dentistry
 - i) Prosthodontics
 - j) Special Needs Dentistry

2. The Dental Council acknowledges the existence of the following areas of specialised training, and although individuals shall not be registered in the vocational category, they may apply to have expertise recognised with a special interest in:
 - a) Dental anaesthesiology
 - b) Oral Biology
 - c) Forensic odontology
 - d) Geriatric Dentistry
 - e) Veterinary Dentistry

3. Anyone who is currently registered in the vocational category, or is entitled to be registered without any further conditions by the appropriate registration authorities in UK, Australia, New Zealand, North America and some EU countries (where English is the medium of instruction), in any of the disciplines mentioned in (1) above, may be

registered in the vocational register upon application in Fiji, without any further assessment.

4. All other applicants who do not fall in the (3) above category and aspire to be registered in the vocational roll of the Dental Register shall have their applications vetted by the Dental Council on a case-by-case basis. The Council may seek assistance from any approved training institute in this regard if necessary, and all costs incurred shall be borne by the applicant.
 5. The Council shall accept the following as the minimum prerequisites before any application to be registered on the vocational roll of the Dental Register is considered:
 - a) A specialised postgraduate training in the relevant field from a recognised institution of appropriate duration and leading to an appropriate qualification of Master's degree, Doctors degree, or any other equivalent qualification (e.g. Fellowship training in a Royal College). NOTE- Postgraduate Certificates and Diploma Level qualifications may not necessarily be regarded as qualifications sufficient for vocational registration purposes, nor are Master's or Doctor's degrees that are attained via research based thesis, but may be recognised by the Council as having attained further qualifications in that field.
 - b) The qualification possessed, with or without any other conditions, will entitle the holder to be registered as a specialist in the country in which the qualification was obtained.
 - c) A minimum of 2 years of supervised satisfactory working experience, and CPD activities after obtaining specialist qualification has been attained in the appropriate specialist field.
 - d) The applicant must be engaged and actively practicing in the appropriate vocational field, 12 months or less preceding any application.
 - e) Membership or fellowship in any appropriately recognised professional organisation or body of the vocational field is highly desirable.
 6. Participation in relevant CPD activities appropriate to the practitioner's vocational field, which is of sufficient duration as shall be determined by the Council, is mandatory to obtain or retain an Annual Practising Licence, and practice in the Vocational category.
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