

University of Birmingham

Paper outlining proposed amendments to the Regulations in relation to the admission of students to the degrees of DDS and MD

Topic and Purpose of the Paper

1. APRC is asked to **consider**, and if thought appropriate, **approve** an amendment to the Regulations in regard to eligibility for admission to the DDS and the MD.

Consultation

2. The amendments were requested by Admissions and the Research Student Administration Team.

Proposals/Recommendations

3. That the following clauses be included in the Regulations pertaining to postgraduate research degrees:

5.1.1 (h) Eligibility for admission to the DDS

(a) Two years from the date of having passed the BDS (or equivalent) a candidate will be eligible to apply for permission to register for the higher degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

(b) Applicants must be in possession of a degree recognised for full registration by the General Dental Council. Such candidates must be connected with the University or one of its associated hospitals as normally evidenced by the holding of a full-time, part-time or honorary University appointment.

(c) Applicants must be able to devote half their working week for research purposes.

(d) External Registration (when the research is being carried-out outside of Birmingham and/or its associated hospitals) is not permitted.

(e) Applications must be made using the standard University Postgraduate online application form and must additionally include:

- i) an outline of the research which will be the subject of the thesis;
- ii) details of where the research will be undertaken;
- iii) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, including the number of clinical hours the candidate will be undertaking during registration and

the number of part-time hours which will be dedicated to research.

5.1.1 (i) Eligibility for admission to the MD

(a) Two years from the date of having passed the MBChB (or equivalent) a candidate will be eligible to apply for permission to register for the higher degree of Doctor of Medicine.

(b) Applicants must be in possession of a degree recognised for full registration by the General Medical Council. Such candidates must be connected with the University or one of its associated hospitals as normally evidenced by the holding of a full-time, part-time or honorary University appointment.

(c) Applicants must be able to devote half their working week for research purposes.

(d) External Registration (when the research is being carried-out outside of Birmingham and/or its associated hospitals) is not permitted.

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- i) an outline of the research which will be the subject of the thesis;
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Arguments to Support Proposals

4. The current regulations on the Admission and Registration of students, point 5.1.1. (g), specifically exclude DDS and MD:
http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/legislation/docs/regulations_part5.pdf and no mention is made elsewhere within the regulations that details the entry requirements for these programmes. The entry requirements for research programmes in the online prospectus also specifically exclude DDS and MD: (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/research/step1.aspx>). This results in Admissions receiving applications from applicants who are ineligible, has nowhere to point them to for the stated entry requirements and creates additional work in contacting applicants.