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Report on the Medical Council Malta Statutory Examination for Dental Surgeons Monday 2nd September – Saturday 14th September 2013

To the President Medical Council

Introduction:

In accordance to the EU Directive 2005/36/EC, the HCPA 2003, Cap 464, and the Medical Council's standard policy, all non-EU applicants or EU applicants in the possession of a non-EU first medical or dental degree, are requested to sit for and successful pass the Medical Council Malta Statutory Examination (MCMSE), in order to be granted Full-Permanent registration in Malta. The MCMSE for Medical Practitioners and Dental Surgeons are to be conducted twice a year by law. The Council identifies the need to develop standard procedures and guidelines on these examinations.

During Council Meeting No. 07/2013 dated Wednesday 22nd May 2013, the Medical Council appointed Dr John Felice, Dr David Muscat and Dr Herbert Messina Ferrante as sub-committee members responsible for the Dental Surgeons Examinations.

Preliminary Work:

During Council Meeting No. 16/2012 held on Wednesday 29th August 2012, the Members present unanimously agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding would be beneficial to both the Council and the Faculty. It was outlined that it is not prudent that this agreement be done in the long-term, but instead, it is to be renewed each time the MCMSE is held. It was also agreed that the first agreement will be drafted after the September MCMSE so as to ensure that the procedure adopted was up to standard.

The Memorandum of Understanding drafted by Dr David Muscat was forwarded to Dr Ian Spiteri Bailey, legal adviser to the Council, for his guidance, by email dated 3rd June 2013. Several reminders were sent, however to date, no reply has been received.

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Dr David Muscat, Member of the Sub-Committee for the Dental Surgeons Examination, updated Prof. Nikolai Attard, Dean, Faculty Dental of Dental Surgery, on this matter and asked him for the dates during which the resit sessions of the final exams in dentistry were scheduled, so that the Medical Council would start procedures to hold the MCMSE for year 2013, by means of email dated 3rd July 2013.

Prof. Nikolai Attard confirmed, by means of email dated 5th July 2013, that the Supplementary Examinations will be held between Monday 2nd September and Saturday 14th September 2013. Prof. Nikolai Attard required confirmation from the Council of the definite number of candidates by not later than 26th July 2013.

The Registrar, by means of email dated 8th July 2013, informed all the prospective candidates who had submitted their application since the MCMSE held in September 2012, that:

1. The MCMSE for the Registration with the Medical Council will be held between Monday 2nd September and Saturday 14th September 2013.
2. The examination will be held in the English Language.
3. Each candidate will be tested on the following examination parts:
 - Prevention and Community Dentistry (a written examination and a viva (viva voce))
 - Child Dental Health and Orthodontics (a written examination and a viva (viva voce) in each topic)
 - Restorative Dentistry (one paper with 6 parts – Fixed Prosthodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Periodontology, Endodontics, Operative Dentistry, Dental Materials). In this paper, candidates are to choose 1 question from 2 questions on each topic. This examination is 3 hours long, that is, each candidate has 30 minutes per question.
 - A Practitcal examination on a Phanthom Head. This will consist on several tests:
 - a. Class 2 cavity
 - b. Crown Prep Bonded Crown on a Premolar or a Molar
 - c. Partial Denture Design
 - d. Access cavity for Endodontics
 - Oral Medicine and Pathology a written examination and a viva (viva voce))
4. All subjects were failing, that is, one must obtain a pass-mark in all the subjects. The pass-mark is 50. The Examination may be held twice in all. The reports of past MCMSE may be accessed from the Medical Council website.
5. Candidates were requested to confirm attendance by Friday 19th July 2013. Failure to confirm will automatically imply that they wish to be removed from the Medical Council's list of applicants waiting to sit for the examination.

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6. Candidates were also requested to send a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) and a recent Certificate of Good Standing (this is valid for 3 months upon the date of issue) by Wednesday 31st July 2013.
7. The payment of the sum of €1164.69 (1164.69 Euros, as per attached LN 330/2006) must be settled by Wednesday 31st July 2013, or otherwise they will not be able to sit for the examination. Information on how payment may be effected was also to be provided.
8. A Visa may be required and thus urgent action was requested.
9. The Medical Council will be able to furnish further information once attendance was confirmed, and the said payment was received (or confirmation of payment).

Conclusion:

The Registrar informed the Council Members, by means of email dated 22nd July 2013, that none of the candidates for the MCMSE for Dental Surgeons replied to the email, and thus none confirmed.

Prof. Nikolai Attard, Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery was informed accordingly and explained that the MCMSE will not be held in September 2013, by means of email dated 25th July 2013.

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