

ORDINANCE 60: Degree of Doctor of Dental Science

1. The University may award the degree of Doctor of Dental Science (DDSc) to students who have pursued an approved programme of studies, including clinical work, over a period of three calendar years, as set out in the programme specification for the degree, to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners. The programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure, assessment and re-assessment requirements of the programme. Details of the curriculum shall be provided in module specifications. The majority of the DDSc programme, including the thesis, shall be at doctoral level (FHEQ level 8), as defined in the PGR Code of Practice.
2. Candidates for the degree of DDSc shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University.
3. Students who fail to meet the requirements for the award for which they are registered may be eligible for an exit award, as detailed in the relevant programme specification, provided that they are deemed by the Board of Examiners to have met the requirements for that award.
4. The maximum period for which a student may be registered for the degree of DDSc, including any periods of suspension of studies, shall be five years¹.
5. Subject to any overriding considerations of patient safety in relation to clinical assessments, the Board of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of mitigating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-assessments in the pre-thesis stage of the DDSc programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Mitigating Circumstances Policy.

The Code of Practice on Assessment (including the Mitigating Circumstances Policy) can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-on-assessment/>

The PGR Code of Practice can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/pgr-code-of-practice/>

¹ Not applicable to students who registered before 2015-16.