



**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION COMPARABILITY EXAMINATION  
FOR RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION OBTAINED  
ABROAD IN THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

**DENTIST'S PROFESSION**

Rīga Stradiņš University organises the examination once a year - from May to June (application no later than 1 March). The examination is held in Latvian. The examination fee: EUR 3 440\*.

The participants of the professional qualification comparability examination must take one complex examination consisting of 3 parts:

**1. Theoretical examination:** the examination consists of Parts A, B and C.

Part A:

Assessment of preclinical and clinical knowledge of Therapeutic Dentistry including the following study courses:

- Preclinical Course in Operative Dentistry;
- Cariology and Therapeutic Dentistry;
- Preclinical and Clinical Course in Endodontics;
- Preclinical and Clinical Course in Periodontology;
- Paediatric Therapeutic Dentistry;
- Dental Anatomy;
- Radiology.

Part B:

Assessment of preclinical and clinical knowledge of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Part C:

Assessment of preclinical and clinical knowledge of the following study courses:

- Orthodontics;
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery;
- Oral Medicine.

**2. Practical Examination:** the examination consists of Parts A and B.

Part A: consists of two parts:

Part A1: practical work in the Preclinical Course in Operative Dentistry. Preparation of class II cavity in the tooth 26. Composite filling (3 academic hours).

- Practical application of knowledge is being assessed (application of matrix retainer and dental dam to 1 tooth, choice of dental filling instruments).
- Assessment of the prepared cavities in accordance with the basic principles of cavity preparation.
- Assessment of filling quality in accordance with the quality principles;
- The examination is considered to be passed in reaching a positive score of 55%;
  - in preparation of the cavity;
  - in restoration of the tooth.

If one of the criteria does not reach 55%, this part is considered to be failed.

Part A2: Prosthetic Dentistry (3 academic hours).

\* the time and fee of the professional qualification comparability examination may change depending on the regulatory documents in force at RSU.

- One of the 28 teeth must be reshaped and the ability to make a temporary crown should be demonstrated.
- Design should be drawn for removable partial dentures, fixed dentures and supported fixed dentures.

Part B:

Practical examination in Endodontics, Periodontology and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The principle of the examination: the student attends 10 stations and completes the assignments given in them.

- 3. National Degree Examination:** the National Degree Examination consists of two parts  
- the integrated written examination and the integrated oral examination.

Part 1 (the integrated written examination):

- a multi-problem patient whom the participants of the examination have not seen before: a description of the integrated analysis of the multi-problem patient examination, diagnosis and a plan for possible treatment, giving theoretical justification; stages of the optimal treatment plan, applied methods and the materials to be used, giving justification.
- a description of the analysis of 4 short diagnostic cases or situations (in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Orthodontics and Preventive Oral Health).

Part 2 (the integrated oral examination):

oral justification for the choices made by the participant of the examination regarding the diagnosis for the clinical case of a multi-problem patient and the proposed treatment.