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To
The Dean / Principal of all affiliated
U.G. Dental Colleges of this University

Sir/Madam,

Sub:	Academic – The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Chennai – Resolution of Standing Academic Board in U.G. Dental Degree Courses held on 19.08.2026 – Communicated – Reg.
Ref: 1	Minutes of the Board of Studies Meeting for U.G. Dental Degree Courses held on 13.07.2026.
2	Minutes of the 65 th Standing Academic Board meeting held on 19.08.2026.
3	Resolution No.65 passed by the Governing Council in its 313 th meeting held on 28.08.2026.

I am to inform you that, the recommendations of the U.G. Dental Degree courses Board of Studies held on 13.07.2026 was placed before the 65th Standing Academic Board held on 19.08.2026. The approval of the Standing Academic Board was informed to the Governing Council vide Resolution No. 65 of the 313th meeting of the Governing Council held on 28.08.2026.

The 65th standing Academic Board has discussed and resolved the following points:-

Point No.1

TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON CLUBBING OF ARREAR CANDIDATES OF THE 2022–2023 BATCH.

The Standing Academic Board has resolved that –

- The final year candidates of the Academic year 2022-2023 will appear for their regular examination in the last quarter of the year 2026.
- After completion of the final year regular examination in December 2026, all arrear candidates may be instructed to appear for their arrear examinations in the routine February and August examination sessions, instead of conducting separate examinations in June and December.

Point No: 2

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON THE CLARIFICATIONS SOUGHT AND SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED BY Dr. SUBHA ANIRUDHAN, SRI RAMAKRISHNA DENTAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL, COIMBATORE RELATED TO THE ACADEMIC MATTERS IN RESPECT OF DENTAL UG DEGREE COURSE

The Standing Academic Board has resolved that –

1. The following curriculum and assessment changes approved in the 64th SAB under UG board of studies **shall be implemented from the admission year 2027-2028 onwards:**

The 64th SAB held on 25.11. 2025 resolved as follows in respect of the above:

- *Introduction to Forensic Odontology and Genetics to be included during the Oral Pathology postings.*
- *Introduction of 10 MCQs (10X1=10 Marks) in theory question papers of BDS examinations.*

Modification in Question Paper pattern for B.D.S. Theory examinations as follows:

S.No	Existing	Recommended
I.	Elaborate on (2x10 = 20 Marks)	Elaborate on (2x10 = 20 Marks)
II.	Write notes on (10x5=50 marks)	Write notes on (8x5=40 marks)
III.		Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) 10x1=10 marks
	Total = 70 marks	Total = 70 marks

- *Integrate ergonomics during the pre-clinical postings for practical assessment.*
- *Basic sciences faculty members (for Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) who fulfil the norms of Dental Council of India and those who have been associated with teaching dental student as part of the BDS program to be appointed as external examiners to conduct practical examination for Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.*
- *Common examination centres for conducting practical examinations shall be assigned on rotation basis (supplementary BDS examinations).*
- *In the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, alternative exercises/restorations shall be considered instead of amalgam restorations.*
- *Conservative Dentistry is now focussing on a minimal intervention approach to preserve tooth structure during cavity preparation of teeth requiring restorations. This approach focuses on conserving*

sound tooth structure and promoting adhesive restorative techniques, which are better achieved with tooth-coloured materials like composites and GICs rather than amalgam, which requires extensive cavity preparation for retention.

- Environmental and occupational concerns regarding mercury in dental amalgam have prompted to phase down its use due to challenges in safe disposal and potential ecological contamination.
- Thereby we can have alternative exercises for both Glass ionomer, Anterior and Posterior Composite Preparations and Restorations which have minimal tooth preparations & not with any hazards like mercury & which also includes technical skills for adhesion to tooth structure.
- As per the Dental Council of India (DCI) Regulations 2017–18, the quota for dental scaling procedures in the Department of Periodontics is specified as 50 dental scaling procedures, which may be performed using either hand or ultrasonic instruments.
- Spotters of radiological anatomy shall be included in the Anatomy practical examinations.
- All III BDS students should be mandated to attend Research Methodology and Biostatistics Workshop conducted by the University.

2. Uniform Academic Calendar for All Affiliated Colleges as per the norms of the DCI/NDC and this University shall be followed.

3. Appointment of Invigilators for University Examinations: -to appoint External Invigilators from nearby Affiliated Institutions irrespective of courses being conducted. The Appointment of External Invigilators shall be in ratio of 1: 25.

4. Clarification on the Question Paper Pattern for Theory Papers Comprising Two Subjects will be as follows:

Question paper will be of 35 marks for each subject (totalling to 70), the pattern being

Section A- Subject 1

Ten-mark questions (1 question) - 10 marks
Five-mark questions (2 questions) – 10 marks
Two-mark questions (5 questions) – 10 marks
Five MCQ (1 mark each) Subject 1– 5marks

Section B- Subject 2

Ten-mark questions (1 question) - 10 marks
Five-mark questions (2 questions) –10 marks
Two-mark questions (5 questions) – 10 marks
Five MCQ (1 mark each) Subject 2 – 5marks

Note:

The Standing Academic Board has resolved to have a single MCQ question paper comprising both Subject 1 and Subject 2 to be answered in a single OMR sheet. For a single subject paper, the pattern will be

Ten-mark questions (2 question)	- 20 marks
Five-mark questions (4 questions)	- 20 marks
Two-mark questions (10 questions)	- 20 marks
Ten MCQ (1 mark each)	- 10 marks

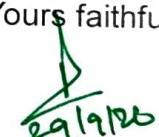
In general, the necessary Guidelines should be provided to the Question paper setter by the University regarding distribution of the questions comprising of 70% in the Must know category, and remaining 30% together in the desirable to know and nice to know categories from existing the University syllabus available in the website. This will be implemented from Final Year exam December 2026 and I / II / III BDS examinations from August 2027 onwards.

5. Implementation of Alternative Restorative Exercises partially in Place of Amalgam Restorations for Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics for IV BDS. Exercises for II BDS to be considered as per DCI/NDC norms. For the II BDS and IV BDS University Practical Examinations – to be followed as per the DCI/NDC norms.

I am to request that the decision of the Standing Academic Board as mentioned above be communicated to all the professors and Head of the Department of your institution for information and a copy of the letter be displayed in the Notice Board of the College & Hostel for information of the students.

The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,


29/12/26
For REGISTRAR (FAC)

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