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To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All General Dental Practitioners in the State of Qatar• All Healthcare Facilities / Focal points in the State of Qatar (Government and Private Sector)
Subject	Update of Content and References for the “National General Dental Qualifying Exam” (NGDQE) in Qatar
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Greetings from the department of Healthcare Professions (DHP).

As part of the ongoing efforts and commitment of the Department of Healthcare Professions to enhance professional standards and ensure the competence and readiness of Dentists to work in the health sector in the state of Qatar. DHP has updated the content and references of the “National General Dental Qualifying Exam” (NGDQE).

The updated exam will serve as a mandatory requirement for licensing of General Dentists and General Dentists (supervised) in the state of Qatar as per current dentist guidelines.

Therefore, please note the following:

- The licensing exam with the updated content will be implemented starting from Tuesday, 17/06/2025.
- The list of references has been revised in line with the changes in the exam content.
- The current version of the exam and references will remain valid until 16/06/2025.

Attached: Details on the exam content, structure, and approved references.

For further information, please contact: DHPRegistration@MOPH.GOV.QA

Thank you for your cooperation,

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NATIONAL GENERAL DENTAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATION BLUEPRINT

Evaluation Item	Content	Number of Items	Passing Score
(150 MCQs, 3 ½ hours)	1. SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE	35	60%
	1.1. Biomedical Sciences	30	
	1.2. Evidence-based Practice	5	
	2. CLINICAL SKILLS	100	
	2.1. Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	10	
	2.2. Comprehensive Treatment Planning	6	
	2.3. Health and Safety	6	
	2.4. Management of Emergencies	6	
	2.5. Disease Prevention, Oral Health Promotion, and Population Health	6	
	2.6. Control of Pain and Anxiety	5	
	2.7. Periodontics	10	
	2.8. Pediatric Dentistry	10	
	2.9. Orthodontics	5	
	2.10. Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics	16	
	2.11. Prosthodontics	10	
	2.12. Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine	10	
	3. AFFECTIVE SKILLS	15	
	3.1. Communication Skills	6	
	3.2. Professionalism	4	
	3.3. Ethical and legal	3	
	3.4. Team-working, Management, and Leadership Skills	2	
Total		150	

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION REFERENCES

Subject	Title	Authors	ISBN
General	Odell's Clinical Problem Solving in Dentistry	A Banerjee & S Thavaraj	0702077003
	Dentistry at a Glance	E J Kay	1118629523
	Oxford Handbook of Clinical Dentistry	B Rushworth & A Kanatas	0198832176
	Master Dentistry Volume 1: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Radiology, Pathology and Oral Medicine	Paul Coulthard et al	978-0702081415
	Master Dentistry Volume 2: Restorative Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics	Giles McCracken et al	978-0702081446
Anatomy	Anatomy for Dental Students	D R Johnson, W J Moore	0192626736
Oral Anatomy	Oral Anatomy, Histology and Embryology	B K B Berkovitz & B J Moxham	0723420076
Physiology	Human Physiology: the mechanisms of body function	A J Vander, J Sherman, D Luciano	0071182543
	Physiology for Dental Students	K Ali & E Prabhakar	1119271711
Pathology	General and Systemic Pathology	J C E Underwood	0443073341
Oral Pathology	Soames' & Southam's Oral Pathology	Max Robinson et al	0199697787
Pharmacology	Textbook of Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics	J G Walton, J W Thompson, R A Seymour	0192618237
	Clinical Dental Pharmacology	Kamran Ali	9781119984931
General Medicine, Surgery/ Human Disease	Medical Problems in Dentistry	C Scully, R A Cawson	978-0-7020-5401-3
Law & Ethics	Dental Law and Ethics	P Lambden (ed.)	1857759117
Radiology and Radiography	Essentials of Dental Radiography and Radiology	E A Whaites	0702076880
	Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations (IR(ME)R) https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/ionising-radiation/ionising-radiation-medical-exposure-regulations-irmer		

Dental Materials	Applied Dental Materials	J F McCabe & A W G Walls	0632042087
Preventive and Community Dentistry	The Prevention of Oral Disease	J Murray, J H Nunn & J G Steele	019263279-5
Children's Dentistry	Paediatric Dentistry	R R Welbury, M S Duggal & M-T Hosey	0198565836
Orthodontics	W & H Orthodontic Notes	M L Jones, R G Oliver	0723610657
Conservative Dentistry	Pickard's Manual of Operative Dentistry	E A M Kidd, B G N Smith & T F Watson	0198509286
Endodontics	Harty's Endodontics in Clinical Practice	Ed T R Pitt Ford.	9780702058356
	Endodontics: Principles and Practice	Torabinejad M, Fouad AF, Shabahang S	9780323624367
Oral Surgery	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	J Pedlar, J W Frame	0443060177
Periodontics	Guide to Periodontics	W M M Jenkins, C J Allan	0723610045
Oral Medicine	Introduction to oral medicine and oral diagnosis: patient evaluation. Burket's Oral Medicine	Glick M, Greenberg MS, Lockhart PB, Challacombe SJ.	9781119597742
	A Clinical Guide to Oral Medicine	P-J Lamey, M A O Lewis	0904588505
Restorative Dentistry	Planning and Making Crowns and Bridges	B G N Smith	0415398509
	Restorative Dentistry	D Walmsley et al.	0443102465
	Missing Teeth – a guide to treatment options	J F McCord, A A Grant, C C Youngson, R M Watson & D M Davis	0443071535
Prosthetic Dentistry	A Clinical Guide to Removable Partial Dentures	J C Davenport, R M Basker, J R Heath et al.	0904588599
	A Clinical Guide to Removable Partial Denture Design	J C Davenport, R M Basker, J R Heath et al.	0904588637
	A Clinical Guide to Complete Denture Prosthetics	J F McCord & A A Grant	0904588465
	Treatment of the Edentulous Patient	McCord, Smith & Grey	0443073074
Treatment Planning	Treatment Planning in Primary Dental Care	A C Shearer, A C Mellor	0198508956
	Integrated Treatment Planning – a case-based approach	E J Kay, A C Shearer, A M Bridgman & G M Humphris	0198528892

Local Anaesthesia	Handbook of Local Anesthesia	Stanley F. Malamed	978-0323613446
Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice	Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office	Stanley F. Malamed	978-323776158
	Resuscitation Council UK https://www.resus.org.uk/professional-resources		

***Notes:**

1. The reading list is presented as a guide only and candidates are expected to meet the learning outcomes of the examination which are available on the website of DHP.
2. Candidates are advised to ensure that they use the latest editions by checking the website of the relevant publishers.