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Dear Mr Edwards

**Re: Regulations of eligibility to sit the Tri-collegiate Membership in Oral Surgery examination**

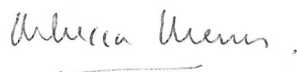
We write further to your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in which you communicated the decision of the Tri Collegiate Board to leave the eligibility criteria to sit the MOral Surg examination unchanged.

I'm sure the Board must appreciate how frustrating this news is to a large number of our membership – SAS grades who are unable to progress their careers without being able to objectively demonstrate their knowledge via a nationally accredited examination.

BAOS would be most grateful if the Tri Collegiate board would kindly provide some clarification as to how and why this decision was reached. Furthermore, we would very much appreciate an explanation as to why the Board feels it necessary to treat some Dental Specialities differently to others with regard to access to sitting their specialist examinations by portfolio entry (i.e. the removal of section 4.4 in the regulations for some Specialties but not for others).

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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