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Global Dentist Programme UK ORE Pathway

In Collaboration with Smile Dental Academy



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Indian Dental Association

The Indian Dental Association (IDA) is the authoritative, independent voice of over 75,000 dental professionals across India, comprising 33 state branches, 450 local branches, and a Defence branch. Established in 1949 (originally formed in 1946 as the All India Dental Association), IDA is headquartered in Mumbai and is affiliated with the FDI World Dental Federation.

IDA's mission is to achieve optimal oral health for all Indians by promoting science-based dentistry through education, research, advocacy, and public health programs. The association's vision is to enhance oral health and quality of life nationwide, supporting comprehensive and ethical dental care.

To realise these goals, IDA offers a diverse range of professional development initiatives, including continuing dental education (CDE), fellowships, research support, and accreditation schemes. It further engages in public outreach through campaigns like tobacco cessation, early oral cancer detection, national oral health surveys, and community dental centres.

75,000+
DENTAL
PROFESSIONALS

450+
LOCAL
BRANCHES

33+
STATE
BRANCHES



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Smile Dental Academy's ethos is to educate and energise the dental profession, through postgraduate dental education. Smile Dental Academy places the utmost importance on education and therefore allows patient care to be current and to the best possible standard. At Smile Dental Academy we strive to create a safe, respectful, and supportive our delegates to flourish and grow. With accolades such as the Short Course of the Year and Dental Brand of the Year, the Academy has positioned itself as the leader in providing top-tier dental education.

The dental courses offered by Smile Dental Academy are meticulously designed to equip aspiring dental professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in their careers. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics, including the latest advancements in dental technology, patient care, and practice management. The courses are not only academically rigorous but also practical, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of the dental field.

12,000+
WEBINAR
DELEGATES

4500+
IN PERSON
DELEGATES

300+
COURSES
ANNUALLY



Smile Dental Academy is proud to collaborate with the Indian Dental Association to bring world-class Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) courses to India, starting in Mumbai. This exciting partnership combines global expertise with local insight, offering dental professionals in India access to advanced, hands-on training led by internationally recognised educators.

Our mission is to empower dentists with the skills and confidence to deliver exceptional patient care and stay at the forefront of modern dentistry.

IDA represents more than 75,000 dental professionals and has 33 state branches and 450 local branches. Through its initiatives and campaigns, IDA reaches out to dental students, dental professionals, educators and the public to safeguard and promote optimal oral healthcare in the country.



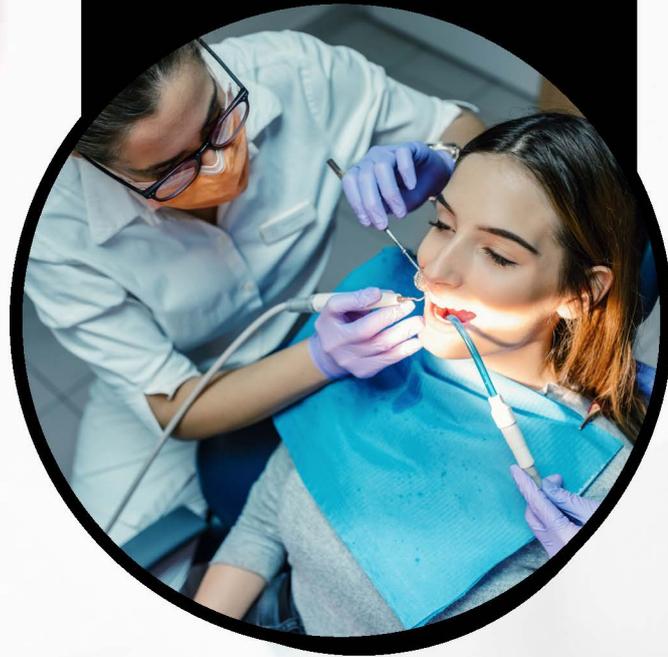
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DENTISTRY IN THE UK



Overseas Registration Examination

Dentists with qualifications that are not acknowledged for UK registration may apply to take the Overseas Registration Examination (ORE). Once you have successfully completed the ORE, you can apply for registration. This registration permits dentists to practice in the UK. The ORE evaluates the knowledge and skills of internationally qualified dentists and consists of two components. The ORE tests the knowledge and skills of overseas qualified dentists. It is made up of two parts.



Career as a Dentist in the United Kingdom

For many dentists, the ORE represents a crucial gateway to fulfilling their dream of building a successful dental career in the UK. It offers the opportunity to work in a world-class healthcare system, access advanced clinical training, and enjoy the professional and personal benefits of life in the UK. Whether you're a recent graduate or an experienced practitioner, the ORE allows you to prove your clinical skills and knowledge meet UK standards. Passing the ORE opens doors to NHS and private practice roles, specialist training, and long-term career growth in British dentistry.

Complete Pathway

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Introduction Webinar

Join our free introductory webinar to understand the full ORE pathway. Learn about eligibility, exam structure, timelines, and how to begin your journey towards UK dental registration with confidence.



ORE Registration

We provide full support with ORE registration, guiding you through eligibility checks, documentation, and application submission—ensuring everything meets GDC requirements for a smooth process.



ORE Part 1

Our ORE Part 1 course offers structured preparation with live and recorded sessions, mock exams, and question banks—covering clinical dentistry, human disease, ethics, and basic sciences.



ORE Part 2

Prepare for ORE Part 2 with hands-on training in OSCEs, manikin exercises, treatment planning, and medical emergencies—equipping you with the skills and confidence to succeed.



Jobs in the UK

After passing the ORE, we support dentists in securing roles across our network of over 1,200 clinics within the Smile DSO Group. We also assist with job interviews, GDC registration, and visa sponsorship for a smooth transition into UK practice.

Programme Overview



ORE Registration
Online



ORE Part 1
Online
10 Live Sessions
(2 hours each)



ORE Part 2
4 Days Mumbai
4 Days Online
2 Days UK

Why choose us?

- ✓ UK Tutors - Former ORE Examiners
- ✓ GDC Registration Support
- ✓ ORE Part 1 - 100% Online
- ✓ Online Session Recordings
- ✓ ORE Part 2 In Home Country - Mumbai
- ✓ 2 Mocks in UK
- ✓ Competitive Pricing
- ✓ Whatsapp Support

GDC ORE Registration

To apply for the Overseas Registration Examination (ORE) in the UK, you must meet the General Dental Council (GDC) eligibility requirements. We support you through the entire GDC registration journey. From verifying documents and guiding your application, to preparing you for ORE Part 1 and 2, we're with you every step of the way.

✓ 1. Recognised Dental Qualification

You must hold a primary dental qualification from a dental school outside the UK. The degree must be comparable to a UK dental qualification. You'll need to provide a Statement of Comparability from UK ENIC (formerly NARIC).

✓ 2. Clinical Experience

You must have at least 1,600 hours of clinical experience treating patients, completed during or after your qualification. Observational or simulated experience does not count. This experience must be supported by signed documents and a reference from a supervising clinician.

✓ 3. English Language Proficiency

You must prove your English language ability through one of the following: IELTS (Academic version): minimum overall score of 7.0, with no less than 6.5 in any component. Proof of dental study in English (if applicable) may also be considered in some cases.

✓ 4. Character Reference

You must submit a recent character reference from a dentist or professional not related to you. The referee must confirm your professional conduct and vouch for your character.

✓ 5. Certificate of Good Standing

Must be issued by the dental council or licensing authority in the country where you are currently or were recently registered. Must be dated within the last 3 months.

✓ 6. Identification & Passport

You need to submit a certified copy of your passport, including photo and signature pages.

✓ 7. Passport Photograph

One recent, signed passport-size photo (signed by your referee).

ORE Part 1 Overview

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Prepare for the GDC's ORE Part 1 exam with our structured online course. Designed for overseas dentists, it covers all key topics with expert guidance to help you succeed.



Deliver & Format

The course is 100% online. 10 live sessions (2 hours each) with interactive webinars, MCQ review, exam strategies. Includes session recordings, revision material, mock-style assessments CPD hours and completion certificate.



Duration

Complete the course within 6 weeks. You'll have access to all materials for till you successfully pass.



Fees & Payment

Course fee: INR ₹1,10,000
Includes GST (18%)

ORE PART 1



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CPD hours and completion certificate.

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Orthodontics
- Pathology
- Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- Oral Surgery
- Medicine & Oral Medicine
- Radiology
- Restorative Dentistry
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Embryology
- Medical Emergencies & LBS
- Pain, Anaesthesia, Sedation
- Histology
- Statistics
- Periodontology
- Dental Materials
- Infection Control
- Law and ethics in the UK
- Preventive Dentistry



ORE Part 2 Overview

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Course Overview

Our ORE Part 2 training programme is designed for overseas-qualified dentists preparing for the practical exam. This hands-on course focuses on key clinical stations, delivered by experienced UK-qualified tutors to help you pass with confidence. The course is an exact replica of the ORE Part 2 examination.



Deliver & Format

- 3 Days Manikin Skills Training (Mumbai)
- 1 Day OSCE & Medical Emergencies (Mumbai)
- 4 Days OSCE, Treatment Planning, and Emergency Training (Online)
- 2 Days Mock Exams prior to exam (UK)



Fees & Payment

Course fee: INR ₹387000

Includes GST (18%)



DAY 1

Live in Mumbai, India

- Safe practice.
- Exam expectations Operating positions Examiners expectations and guidelines
- Amalgam Class I and Class II cavity preparations Amalgam restoration
- Composite Class III cavity preparation
- Composite Class IV tooth preparation and restoration Composite class V cavity preparation and restoration

ORE PART 2



DAY 2

Live in Mumbai, India

- Labial Veneer tooth preparation
- Anterior Metal Ceramic Crown preparation
- Full Gold Crown preparation
- Posterior Metal Ceramic Crown Preparation

ORE PART 2



DAY 3

Live in Mumbai, India

- Impression Taking for Definitive Crown
- Temporary Crown Preparation
- Rest Seat Preparation
- Root Canal Treatment
- Composite Cusp Build Up



DAY 4

Live in Mumbai, India

- CPR on Adult and Child demonstrated on manikins.
- Demonstration and hand on practise of BLS and AED.
- Use of ME drugs and equipment.



DAY 5

Online - Skilled OSCE

This day will start with a briefing on how the exam is conducted.

You will be given guidance on the exam approach for each station as well as effective time management - a crucial part of passing your exam.

The day consists of:

- Dental Charting & Dental Surveyor
- Hand Washing
- Instrument Identification
- IOTN
- Intra-Oral X-Ray arrangement
- RPD designing
- Rubber Dam Application
- Splinting (Avulsed tooth)
- Suturing
- Waste Disposal
- X-ray Holders
- New OSCES

ORE PART 2



DAY 6

Online - Actor & Written OSCEs

This day will start with a briefing on how the exam is conducted.

You will be given guidance on exam approach appropriate to each station as well as effective time management - which is key to passing the exam.

You will also be given guidance on communication skills as well as the points to keep in mind, with a focus on exam criteria explained for each station.





DAY 7

ORE PART 2

Online - Dental Treatment Planning

This section of the course will explain how the exam is conducted. Lectures will explain how to approach the exam with guidance on completing exam forms with effective time management.

Guidance on:

- Oral History
- Provisional diagnosis, special investigations, radiographic request
- Radiographic report writing
- Contemporaneous notes
- Written treatment plan
- Oral treatment plan



DAY 8

Online - Medical Emergencies

This day is focused on Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice. Relevant updates will also be included if applicable.

- Lectures explaining relevant exam topics.
- Explanation of structured scenarios.

Topics of discussion include:

- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Asthma
- Anaphylaxis
- Angina and Myocardial Infarction
- Basic Life Support
- Choking
- Epilepsy
- Hypoglycaemia
- Hyperventilation
- Needle stick injury
- Syncope





DAY 9

Live London, UK - Mock Session

Our intensive 2-day mock and revision course in the UK, designed to simulate real ORE Part 2 exam conditions. You'll practise all key stations, receive personalised feedback, and build confidence ahead of your exam. Ideal for candidates 4-8 weeks before their test date.

Day 1: Manikin Mocks/ Revision



DAY 10

Live London, UK - Mock Session

Day 2: OSCE, Treatment Planning & Medical Emergencies Mock





RELOCATION SUPPORT UP TO £40,000



We provide a comprehensive Relocation Support Package to assist overseas-qualified dentists, particularly those from India, with their transition to living and practising in the UK after clearing ORE Part 2.

This package, valued at over £40,000, is designed to remove common barriers and ensure a smooth start to your UK dental career.

What's Included:

- GDC First-Year Registration Fee
- Full support and payment of your initial registration with the General Dental Council.
- Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS)
- Skilled Worker Visa Sponsorship
- Mentorship & Clinical Supervision
- Placement as a Dental Assistant/Observer (if needed pre-registration)
- Assistance with Accommodation
- Bank Account & NI Number Setup
- DBS Application Support
- NHS Performer Number
- Pastoral Support
- Help with settling in, transport orientation, local community introductions, and optional buddy pairing with other international dentists.
- Free CPD
- Access to Hands On Courses

This package is designed to remove stress and fast-track your ability to begin earning and growing your career in the UK dental industry.

Dentist Jobs in the UK



Dentist Job Placement in the UK Across 1,200+ Clinics

Our Smile DSO network will secure you a clinical role in one of our trusted NHS or mixed practices across the UK – giving you real patients, real experience, and real earnings from day one.



Salary starting £40,000

Start a paid, mentored role upon completion of ORE Part 2, with the potential to earn £70k–£120k+ per year after completing year 1.



5 Year Visa

We provide full visa sponsorship under the Skilled Worker route, supporting you through every step of your UK relocation and compliance process.



Relocation Support - up to £40,000

We provide everything you need to settle confidently into life in the UK – including help finding accommodation, setting up a bank account, and navigating life as a new arrival. You'll also receive a generous welcome bonus.



Mentorship & Training Pathway

Work under the guidance of experienced UK dentists, with access to hands-on courses, CPD training, Diplomas and Masters Programmes and a clear route to private dentistry or even practice ownership.



SALARY PROGRESSION

YEAR 1

NEWLY REGISTERED DENTIST

- Salary: £40,000 per annum
- You begin working under guidance, usually in a mentorship/associate hybrid model. You may assist with NHS and basic private cases.



YEAR 2

DEVELOPING CLINICIAN

- Salary Range: £55,000 – £65,000 per annum
- You will now have one year of NHS/private experience. You'll begin treating your own cases more independently, contributing to higher productivity and income, including entry-level cosmetic and restorative treatments.



YEAR 3

EXPERIENCED CLINICIAN

- Salary Range: £75,000 – £100,000+ per annum
- By this point you would have completed additional CPD or diploma-level courses (e.g. aesthetic dentistry, aligners, endodontics, implants)
- Wider and more complex NHS/private caseload & eligible to work in high-performing practices or private setups





8 Step Process

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ORE Pathway to Working as a UK Dentist (Total Pathway Duration: 60 weeks)

1 Enrol on ORE Part 1 Course - Timeframe: Week 0

Begin Smile Dental Academy's ORE Part 1 course, which includes Live online teaching, Mock exams & revision materials & GDC application support.

2 GDC Application Approval - Timeframe: Weeks 8-12

Once approved, you'll be notified about the next available ORE Part 1 exam slot and guided through the booking process. (officially up to 60 working days)

3 Take ORE Part 1 Exam - Timeframe: Weeks 12-16

Fly to London for the exam. Stay for 5-7 days. Smile Dental Academy provides assistance with travel and accommodation.

4 Enrol on ORE Part 2 Training - Timeframe: Weeks 16-18

Upon passing Part 1, enrol immediately in the Part 2 course, including:

- 4 Days in Mumbai - 4 Days Online - 2-day full mock exam in London

5 Take ORE Part 2 Exam - Timeframe: Weeks 32-40

ORE Part 2 can be taken as early as 6 months after passing Part 1, subject to exam slot availability. Travel to London again for 7-10 days for the exam.

6 Register with the GDC - Timeframe: Weeks 40-44

After passing Part 2, apply for GDC registration. Pay the Annual Retention Fee to receive your GDC number - your UK dental licence.

7 Secure Job Offer & Apply for Visa - Timeframe: Weeks 44-48

With Smile's job support, secure a UK dental job offer. Then apply for your Skilled Worker Visa:

8 Relocate & Begin Work - Timeframe: Weeks 52-60

Once the visa is approved, you can relocate to the UK and start working as a GDC-registered dentist.

Estimated Total Costs

What is the estimated total cost as an Indian Dentist wishing to work in the UK?

Note: Currency conversion considered at £1 - ₹116 (approx mid 2025)

1. GDC Registration Process

- ENIC Document + Courier: £140 → ₹16,240
- IELTS Academic Exam: £157.41 → ₹18,260
- IELTS Tuition Fees: £92.59 → ₹10,741
- GDC Application Processing Fee: £96 → ₹11,136
- GDC Application Courier Charges: £55.56 → ₹6,446

Subtotal (GDC Registration): £541.56 → ₹62,823

2. ORE Part 1 – Preparation & Attempt

3. Training Fee (IDA x Smile Dental Academy): £948 → ₹1,10,000

4. ORE Part 1 Exam Fee: £586.00 → ₹67,976

5. UK Visitor Visa – Part 1: £115.00 → ₹13,340

6. Return Flight (India to UK): £741 → ₹85,926

7. Stay (5 days @ £100/day): £500.00 → ₹58,000

8. Food (5 days @ £30/day): £150.00 → ₹17,400

9. Travel/Misc. (5 days @ £25/day): £125.00 → ₹14,500

Subtotal (ORE Part 1): £3165 → ₹3,67,142

3. ORE Part 2 – Preparation & Attempt

- Training Fee (IDA x Smile Dental Academy): £3,336.20 → ₹387,000

- ORE Part 2 Exam Fee: £4,235.00 → ₹491,260

- UK Visitor Visa – Part 2: £115.00 → ₹13,340

- Return Flight (India to UK): £740.74 → ₹85,928

- Stay (5 days @ £100/day): £500.00 → ₹58,000

- Food (5 days @ £30/day): £150.00 → ₹17,400

- Travel/Misc. (5 days @ £25/day): £125.00 → ₹14,500

Subtotal (ORE Part 2): £9,202 → ₹10,67,426

Total Estimated Cost

- Total in GBP: £12,909
- Total in INR: ₹14,97,391

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Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the ORE and who needs to take it?

The Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) is for dentists who qualified outside the UK and the EEA and wish to register with the General Dental Council (GDC) to practise in the UK. It tests your knowledge and clinical skills against UK standards.

What does the ORE Part 1 involve?

Part 1 is a computer-based exam that tests your knowledge of clinical dentistry, human disease, ethics, and basic sciences. It consists of two papers: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and Extended Matching Questions (EMQs).

What is covered in your ORE Part 1 training course?

Our Part 1 course includes structured teaching, recorded and live sessions, full mock exams, over 2,000+ questions, revision materials, and expert tutor support. We ensure you're fully prepared for the GDC exam format.

How long is the ORE Part 1 course?

The course runs over a 3-month period, with flexible access to learning materials and live sessions. You can study at your own pace while receiving regular guidance.

What does the ORE Part 2 exam involve?

ORE Part 2 tests your clinical skills and includes OSCEs (Objective Structured Clinical Examinations), manikin-based exercises, treatment planning, and a medical emergencies component.

Do you provide hands-on training for ORE Part 2?

Yes. Our ORE Part 2 training is highly practical and includes mock OSCEs, manikin training, treatment planning workshops, and simulated emergency scenarios with feedback from experienced UK clinicians.

Do you help with the ORE registration process?

Absolutely. We offer full guidance with GDC application forms, document checks, eligibility support, and help preparing a complete and compliant application for ORE registration.

How do I prove my English language proficiency?

You can submit an IELTS Academic (minimum score 7.0 overall, 6.5 per section). Other qualifications may be considered depending on your background.

Can I get help finding a job after passing the ORE?

Yes. We provide recruitment support for candidates who pass ORE, including job matching across our network of over 1,200 dental practices in the Smile DSO Group, interview coaching, and visa guidance.

Do you assist with visa sponsorship and relocation?

Yes. For eligible candidates, we can help you secure a job with visa sponsorship, assist with relocation planning, and provide support in settling into your new role in the UK.



Testimonials



"The ORE Part 1 course at Smile Dental Academy was exactly what I needed. The teaching was focused and well organised, and the mock exams truly reflected the real format. I appreciated how approachable and knowledgeable the tutors were – they explained complex topics in such a simple way. Thanks to this course, I passed Part 1 on my first attempt and felt confident throughout. I'd highly recommend it to any overseas dentist preparing for the UK exams."

Dr Priya Sharma



"Navigating the ORE registration process can be overwhelming, especially from India. Smile Dental Academy made it so simple. They guided me through every step from gathering documents to submitting the application to the GDC. I never felt alone in the process, and that kind of support is priceless. I'm now officially registered and about to start my ORE Part 1 journey with them too!"

Dr Ankit Mehra



"Smile Dental Academy supported me right from my first webinar until I got a job in the UK. Their advice on visa sponsorship, GDC registration, and exam preparation was so personalised. The team genuinely cares about your success not just in passing exams, but also in building a real career. I'm now working in a busy NHS practice in Manchester, and it all started with that one webinar!"

Dr. Ramesh Gupta



"The ORE Part 2 training at Smile Dental Academy was absolutely spot on. The hands on sessions for OSCEs and manikin exercises gave me so much clarity and confidence. They even ran mock scenarios that mirrored the real exam. After passing Part 2, I felt fully prepared to practise safely and effectively in the UK. I've now started working in Birmingham and owe a lot to the training I received here."

Dr. Meera Iyer



"I found Smile Dental Academy through friends who had cleared ORE with their support. Joining their course was the best decision I made. The tutors are top class, the study material is incredibly thorough, and the sense of community among international dentists is really motivating. I always felt supported whether it was exam tips or help with settling into the UK. It's not just a course; it's a full support system."

Dr. Sneha Patel



"I cleared both parts of the ORE and landed a fantastic role at one of the Smile DSO clinics thanks to Smile Dental Academy. The job support was incredible they helped with interviews, paperwork, and even my visa process. Now I'm working in a modern practice with great mentorship and career prospects. If you're an overseas dentist looking to work in the UK, Smile is the place to start."

Dr. Arjun Desai

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