

FDST



FOREIGN DENTAL SCREENING TEST

(MDS Degree & PG
Diploma)

Information Bulletin

2022

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IMPORTANT DATES

Processes	Timelines
Issuance of the Admit Card	24th April 2023
Date of Examination	30th April 2023
Declaration of the Result	By 30th May 2023

CONTACT NBEMS:

- ❖ The information bulletin shall guide you through the process of examination and help to answer most of your queries. In case you are still facing issues, then NBEMS Candidate Care Support is available by phone and email.
- ❖ **FDST 2022 Helpdesk:** A dedicated helpdesk for FDST (MDS Degree/ PG Diploma) 2022 related queries such as admit card, test centre, test day requirements etc shall be available as per details mentioned below:

Helpline Number	011-45593000
Communication Web portal of NBEMS	https://exam.natboard.edu.in/communication.php?page=main
Official Website	https://nbe.edu.in https://natboard.edu.in

- ❖ **Phone support** will be available during these times:

- **5th April 2023 to 10th June 2023:** 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM from Monday to Friday
- **30th April 2023 (Examination day):** 8AM to 6PM
- NBEMS Candidate Care will be closed on Saturday, Sunday & Gazetted holidays.

Important websites:

a. National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences:

<https://nbe.edu.in>

<https://natboard.edu.in>

b. Dental Council of India:

<https://dciindia.gov.in>

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1. Introduction

The Foreign Dental Screening Test has been introduced through Principal Dental Council of India Screening Test Regulations, 2009.

As per the regulations, "An Indian citizen or Person of Indian Origin (PIO) or Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) possessing a primary dental qualification/PG Diploma/Post Graduate Dental qualification awarded by any dental institution outside India, who is desirous of getting registration with any State Dental Council or of any other purpose as specified by the Dental Council of India from time to time, on or after the date of publication of these regulations in the official gazette, shall have to qualify a screening test conducted by the prescribed authority for that purpose as per the provisions of section 10(4) or 10(5) of the Dentist Act, 1948, as the case may be".

The responsibility of NBEMS is limited to the conduct of the Screening Test, declaration of the result and handling of the result to DCI. NBEMS has no role in document verification and eligibility determination; these shall be undertaken by DCI.

Candidates are advised to read the Information Bulletin carefully and go through the instructions regarding conduct of Foreign Dental Screening Test.

NBEMS disclaims any liability that may arise to candidate(s) due to incorrect information provided by the candidate during submission of application form.

2. Information for Candidates

- 2.1. The Foreign Dental Screening Test for Indian Citizens/OCI possessing MDS Degree and PG Diploma dental qualifications awarded by dental institutions outside India shall be held as per schedule detailed under Important Dates and Scheme of Examination.
- 2.2. Candidates are advised to read the Information Bulletin carefully for scheme and pattern of examination. Queries pertaining to any issues will only be entertained if the information requested is not given in the bulletin of information. No Queries of the Guardians/ Parents will be entertained on telephone with regard to the eligibility and disclosure of the results
- 2.3. Candidates may kindly note that appearance in the FDST does not confer any automatic rights to secure provisional or permanent registration with the Dental Council of India or any State Dental Council.
- 2.4. Candidate found ineligible at any stage of FDST, will not be permitted to appear in the examination. In an unlikely event of any ineligible candidate appearing and/or passing the FDST, the results/candidature of such candidate shall be cancelled and/or is deemed to be cancelled, even if result has been declared or Pass Certificate has been issued.
- 2.5. Candidates' eligibility is purely provisional & is subjected to the fulfilment of eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Dental Council of India.
- 2.6. Instructions in the information bulletin are liable to change based on decisions taken by the NBEMS/DCI from time to time.

- 2.7. NBEMS reserves its absolute rights to alter the examination schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines at any time. The candidate shall have no right whatsoever for claiming/ deriving any right from past or present schedule, policy and guidelines of NBEMS.
- 2.8. NBEMS reserves its absolute right to alter, amend, modify or apply any or some of the instructions/ guidelines contained in this information bulletin.
- 2.9. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way, they are or ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBEMS is bound to follow the same in future.
- 2.10. Instructions in the Information Bulletin are liable to change based on decisions taken by the Government / Dental Council / Competent Authority / Court decisions from time to time. Candidates are required to refer to the latest bulletin or corrigendum that may be issued to incorporate these changes. Refer NBEMS website <https://natboard.edu.in> and <https://nbe.edu.in> for latest updates or corrigendum.
- 2.11. Notifications, regulations etc. issued by Government of India/ Dental Council of India time to time may be referred for eligibility criteria, pattern etc.
- 2.12. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/ terms/ rules/ criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/ conduct of examinations/ registration of candidates/ information contained herein, the interpretation of the NBEMS shall be final and binding in nature.
- 2.13. Request shall not be entertained for change in date/center of examination under any circumstances. Candidates are advised not to canvass for such representation.

2.14. Admit Cards for FDST (MDS Degree/PG Diploma) shall be available to download at NBEMS website <https://nbe.edu.in> from **24th April 2023 onwards**.

2.15. Result of FDST shall be displayed on NBEMS websites <https://natboard.edu.in> and <https://nbe.edu.in>

2.16. **FDST shall be conducted by NBEMS at Test Centre(s) in Delhi.** Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the route and location of the exam centre to be indicated in admit cards.

2.17. The examination test centre staff on duty is authorized to verify the identity of candidates and may take steps to verify and record the identity of candidates. Candidates are required to extend requisite cooperation.

2.18. Possession/Use of mobile phones/Electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the premises of NBEMS test Centres. Candidates shall be liable for penal action for Possession/ Use of Mobile phones/ Electronic devices.

2.19. **Demo Test:** A demo test shall be available for the benefit of candidates to familiarise themselves with the Computer Based Test format at website <https://nbe.edu.in> Candidates will be able to access the Demo test from **20th April 2023 onwards**.

2.20. The candidates should communicate with NBEMS regarding matters related to FDST as per prescribed Protocols only.

2.21. Candidates are encouraged to communicate through email with dedicated help desk for FDST 2022 as per details mentioned in Chapter on Communication Protocol.

2.22. All the correspondence through post should be addressed to the Executive Director, National Board of Examinations, Medical

Enclave, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029. Candidates are requested to superscribe the envelope with the subject matter of the correspondence for expeditious processing.

2.23. The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be at New Delhi only.

3. Scheme of FDST - MDS Degree/PG Diploma

- 3.1. As per Principal Dental Council of India Screening Test Regulations, 2009, the exam consists of two question papers, comprising of 100 and 150 multiple choices, single correct response questions in English language only.
- 3.2. The examination shall be a multiple-choice question delivered as a Computer Based Test.
- 3.3. FDST is divided into two question papers of 100 and 150 questions with time allocation of 120 minutes and 180 minutes respectively.
- 3.4. Allocation of time for the FDST (MDS Degree/PG Diploma) shall be as follows:

Activities	Paper - I	Paper - II
Allow Candidates to enter the examination centre and Commence Registration	08:30 AM	12:30 PM
Entry closes at Examination Center	10:00 AM	02:00 PM
Grant access for Candidate Login	10:15 AM	02:15 PM
Candidates log in to read instructions	10:20 AM	02:20 PM
Exam Start Time	10:30 AM	02:30 PM
Exam End Time	12:30 PM	05:30 PM

- 3.5. Negative Marking: There shall be no negative marking.
- 3.6. Each Question carries one mark.

3.7. There will be no grace marks. The candidate has to score 50% in each paper individually to qualify for appearing the viva-voce examination.

3.8. MDS/PG Diploma -Viva Voce Examination: 50 Marks. The candidate has to separately score 50% in the viva-voce examination.

3.9. The standard of Foreign Dental Screening Test in respect of MDS Degree/PG Diploma holders would be at par with the standard prescribed for Indian Universities.

3.10. Examiners for Viva-Voce Examination for MDS/PG Diploma:
There shall be two examiners for Viva-Voce, out of whom, one internal from examining university and one external from any other university which awards recognized Undergraduate and Postgraduate Dental qualification.

3.11. There are no restrictions on number of attempts that can be availed by a candidate.

3.12. Overview of Computer Based Test

Reporting at Test Centre on Schedule Date and Time

Security Check-in Process

Registration for Test + Face ID/Biometric Capture

Examination Begins

Examination Ends

4. Admit Card & Test Day Procedures

- 4.1. **Admit Card:** Admit cards shall be issued on **24th April 2023 onwards**.
- 4.2. Candidates will be informed through SMS/Email alerts and website notice regarding availability of the admit card on NBEMS website. Admit card will not be sent to the candidates by Post/Email.
- 4.3. Candidates are required to download their admit card from the NBEMS website and affix firmly their latest passport size photograph in the space provided on the admit card. The photograph must meet following specifications:
 - Size of photograph : Minimum 35x45 mm (and not larger than the box printed on admit card for pasting the photograph) with at least 75% area on the photograph should be occupied with the face & head of the candidate.
 - It should be a Colour photograph with white background
 - The photograph needs to display full front view of the face with a neutral expression. No Caps, Stethoscope, Goggles, Ornaments to be worn.
 - The photograph should not have reflection or shadow on the face with red eyes.
 - The photograph needs to be printed on a high quality paper with at least 600 dpi Resolutions.
 - The photograph must not have kinks, scratches and stains.

4.4. **TEST DAY PROCEDURES:** NBEMS shall be conducting the **Social Distanced - Computer Based Test (SD-CBT)** in safe and secure environment using touch free processes maintaining social distancing norms wherever needed. NBEMS reserves its rights to review the test day processes of conduct of CBT in wake of changing scenario of COVID-19 pandemic.

4.5. **Entry of Candidates as per Time given in the Admit Cards:** Candidates are required to report at the 'Reporting Counter' of test venue at as per time indicated in their admit cards. The reporting counter will close 30 minutes prior to the test start time. This will allow time for security checks, identity verification and checking in for examination.

4.6. Candidates reporting late or beyond the prescribed time shall not be allowed to appear in the exam under any circumstances. NBEMS shall not be responsible for any delayed arrival of the candidate in reaching the centre due to any reason.

4.7. **Test Centre Location:** Exact address and location of the test centres shall be indicated in the admit card. Candidates are advised to familiarise themselves with the test centre locations at least one day prior to the examination day and ensure that they report for the exam as per scheduled time only.

4.8. Please note that only the candidates who have been issued admit card will be allowed entry inside the examination centre premises subject to fulfilment of documentary requirements.

4.9. Friends or relatives accompanying the candidates will not be allowed entry in the examination centre premises under any circumstances and will not be allowed to contact the candidate while the examination process is ongoing.

4.10. Barcode/QR Code Reader at Entry Points: The candidate will flash the admit card and ID proof for verification to the exam functionary standing across the table with barcode/QR code reader. Candidate shall be informed about the assigned lab number. At no time will the exam functionary touch any document of the candidate.

4.11. Use of Thermo Guns: All candidates will be checked at the entry point for fever with the thermo guns. In case, any candidate is observed to be having above normal temperature or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 infection, he/she will be allowed to take the examination in a separate isolation lab.

4.12. Identity checks will be made upon arrival at the test centre to ensure that there are no unauthorized candidates appearing for the exam.

4.13. Candidates **MUST bring to the test centre the following documents:**

4.13.1. Printed copy of Barcoded/QR Coded Admit card with his/her photograph pasted on it.

4.13.2. Any one of the below mentioned Govt issued photo IDs (must be **original and valid/non-expired**):**

- ❖ PAN Card
- ❖ Driving License
- ❖ Voter ID
- ❖ Passport
- ❖ Aadhaar Card (with Photograph)

4.14. In case, any candidate reports to the test center with e-Aadhaar Card with Aadhaar number printed on it as proof of identity, the e-Aadhaar Card should be a good quality colour print out with clearly visible photograph. The photograph should not have kinks, scratches and stains, and should definitely match with the

candidate presenting the e-Aadhaar Card. Decision of NBEMS in this regard shall be final”.

*** The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit Card. If name has changed due to marriage etc, candidate must show the relevant document to substantiate claim for change in name (Marriage Certificate/Divorcee Decree/ Legal Name Change Document/ Gazette notification for name change).*

4.15.Candidates without valid ID proof shall not be allowed to enter the examination premises.

4.16.Unfair means case shall be registered against the candidates producing false/forged documents/ID Proofs.

4.17.**SECURITY AT THE TEST CENTRE:** Candidates will **not be allowed** to take the following items **beyond security check point** in examination premises under any circumstances:

- Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written), notes, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Pen, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Eraser, etc..
- Any electronic device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, wrist watch/Health Band, Calculator, Electronic Pen/ Scanner etc.
- All ornaments like bracelets, Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/ Necklace, Pendants, Necklace with pendants, Badge, Brooch etc.
- Other items like Wallet, Goggles, Handbags, Belt, Cap etc.
- Any eatable item opened or packed, soft drinks etc.

- Any other item which could be used for unfair means, for hiding communication devices like wireless/Bluetooth device, spy camera etc.

4.18.Candidates will be permitted to carry certain items with them to the examination lab:

- Face Mask
- Exam related documents (Admit card, ID Card etc)

Please read the admit card carefully for items permitted to carry inside the examination centres.

4.19.No arrangement will be made at the centres for keeping any articles/items belonging to the candidates. In case any candidate is found in possession of any of the barred items inside the centre beyond the security check point, it will be considered as use of unfair means and action will be taken against the candidate in accordance with the relevant provisions. To avoid any hardship candidates are advised not to bring prohibited items along with them at the test Centre.

4.20.Frisking with Hand Held Metal Detector (HHMD) will be done.

4.21.**Finger Biometrics** of candidates **shall be captured** at the time of registration for the test at test venue. Photograph of the candidates shall also be captured on the exam day at the centre. Candidates are requested to cooperate with this essential activity to avoid any cases of impersonation. This is a security feature which will ensure that only genuine candidate appear for the exam. Any candidate not adhering to the aforementioned security measures will not be allowed to take the test.

4.22.After capture of biometric and photograph, candidates will be escorted to the designated computer terminal at the test centre

ensuring social distancing and a Invigilator will assist the candidate for check-in process of the test.

4.23.Candidates are required to keep their admit card and photo identification with them at all times during the conduct of examination.

4.24.Candidates are required to listen to the invigilator's instructions to begin the exam. Each workstation will be blocked from three sides – front, left and right. Candidates are advised not to look around at other candidates as there will be surveillance cameras also that will record video.

4.25.Any suspicious or disruptive behaviour on part of the candidate may lead to cancellation of candidature. For any issues during the exam, candidate may raise his or her hand to notify Invigilator.

4.26.Manual Attendance will be captured on physical attendance sheets.

4.27.In case of any technical disruption during the test, rest assured that a registered candidate will get complete allocated examination time.

Case	Description of failure	Standard actions taken
1	Disruption happens (e.g Power Failure) during the exam time after the candidates have logged in (either for one or more candidates)	No action necessary. The timer will stop when the failure occurs and will resume when the failure is rectified. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due disruption / failure.
2	Candidate machine is locked during the exam. (e.g Loss of connectivity with the Primary Server)	IT Manager in each exam room verifies and unlocks the candidates account and the timer starts from the same point where the candidate had left. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due to this locking.
3	Candidate complains of any specific issues in the machine (e.g screen flickering, mouse issue, system getting locked/hanged repeatedly etc)	On reporting of the issue , IT Manager/Invigilator verifies and locks the candidate machine. The candidate is shifted from their allotted seat to buffer seat in same or other lab during the examination. There will be no time loss in allocated examination time due to this shifting

5. Centre for FDST - MDS Degree/PG Diploma

- 5.1. The FDST 2022 for MDS and PG Diploma candidates shall be conducted in **Delhi NCR** only.
- 5.2. The exact venue will be informed to the candidates through admit cards.
- 5.3. The Candidates shall make their own arrangement for travel/boarding etc.

6. Caution Notice, Non- Disclosure Agreement and Unfair Means

A. Caution Notice

- 6.1. The official website of NBEMS are <https://nbe.edu.in> and <https://natboard.edu.in> Candidates are advised to refer for any information about NBEMS and Examinations conducted by NBEMS only through these websites links. Please refer FDST Information Bulletin uploaded therein for authentic information and periodic updates about the FDST.
- 6.2. Candidates are hereby advised not to be allured or mislead by unscrupulous agents /touts making false and bogus claims of helping any candidate in any means by such spoofed emails/SMS or forged documents.
- 6.3. NBEMS does not send any email or SMS to candidates regarding securing good marks/merit position in any of the exams conducted by NBEMS.
- 6.4. Be aware when getting any email or SMS in the name of NBEMS, please cross verify information received through SMS in name of NBEMS with a corresponding Email/NBEMS Website update.
- 6.5. Candidates are also advised to use the email IDs/contact numbers for communication with NBEMS which are provided on the NBEMS websites time to time.
- 6.6. In case candidates are approached by any unscrupulous agents/ touts promising any such undue favour through any spoofed emails/SMS or telephone call or forged documents or personally the same may be reported to NBEMS through email

mail@natboard.edu.in or to the local police for further investigation.

B. Non Disclosure Agreement

- 6.7. FDST for MDS Degree/PG Diploma candidates is a proprietary examination and is conducted only by NBEMS. The contents of this exam are confidential, proprietary and are owned by NBEMS. NBEMS explicitly prohibits the candidate, from reproducing, transmitting or publishing any or some contents of this exam, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical for any purpose whatsoever. NBEMS shall not entertain any request for sharing any content of the examination including answer keys/answer sheets.
- 6.8. No content of this exam must be shared with friends, acquaintances or third parties including sharing through online means or via social media. Social media includes but not limited to SMS, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Hangouts, Blogs etc. using either one's own account or proxy account(s).
- 6.9. By registering for and /or appearing in FDST the candidate explicitly agrees to the above Non Disclosure Agreement and general terms of use for FDST as contained in this Information Bulletin.
- 6.10. Violation of any act or breach of the same shall be liable for penal action and cancellation of the candidature at the bare threshold.

C. Unfair Means

If during the course of training/examination, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair means.

6.11.If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her application form for appearance in the examinations / counseling / admission to the training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations/courses of NBEMS by making a false statement or by production of a false/forged document .

6.12.If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/ her by NBEMS.

6.13.Use/ possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not).

6.14.A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/ her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like setsquares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or papers or material found with him/her or found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.

6.15.Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.

6.16.Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.

6.17.Change of seat/system without the permission of Examination Superintendent/ In charge Computer Laboratory.

- 6.18. Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the examination center / Computer Laboratory.
- 6.19. Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall / Computer Laboratory to toilet or to any other place.
- 6.20. Impersonation.
- 6.21. Forgery in photo identification produced to seek entry in the test centre / producing false documents for the purpose.
- 6.22. Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
- 6.23. Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him / her.
- 6.24. Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening of any of the candidates.
- 6.25. Peeping into the computer monitor screen of the other candidate.
- 6.26. Disclosing his / her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his / her answer book / continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.
- 6.27. Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBEMS or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information Technology systems.
- 6.28. Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBEMS or Technology Partner(s) or Computer Laboratory.

6.29.Damaging the computer systems of computer Laboratory.

6.30.Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurize an examiner, or any officer or official connected with the examinations of the NBEMS or its technology partner, either at NBEMS or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.

6.31.Any candidate violating the NDA as detailed above will be treated as UMC.

6.32.If at any stage if it is found that the candidate has appeared multiple times in the same session of examination or has appeared in same or different examination of NBEMS with different names, unfair means case shall be registered against such candidate and dealt accordingly.

6.33.Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of EEC in this regard shall be final.

6.34.Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.

6.35.A candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examination center/Computer Lab and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.

6.36.Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the Examination Ethics Committee, which may vary from cancellation of the examination/ expulsion up to next 14

attempts or 7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by Examinations Ethics Committee after considering each case.

6.37.Disclaimer: The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to vitiate the sanctity of the examination, the decision of NBEMS shall be final and binding for declaration of any person/candidate guilty of foregoing or such offence as shall be classified as UMC.

7. Result

- 7.1. Result – (Pass/Fail) for eligible candidates shall be displayed on NBEMS website.
- 7.2. An applicant shall be declared as having passed only if he/she scores 50% in each paper individually to qualify for appearing in the viva-voce examination
- 7.3. Viva-Voce examination consists of 50 marks. The candidate has to score 50% in the viva-voce examination i.e. 25 / 50.
- 7.4. The scheme regarding delivery of authenticated copy of the result shall be indicated on the website at the time of declaration of result.
- 7.5. There will be no re-evaluation or rechecking or re-totaling. Requests for re-evaluation/ re-totaling shall not be entertained.
- 7.6. The results for FDST 2022 - MDS Degree/PG Diploma are likely to be declared by **30th May 2023**. Results can be seen on website <https://natboard.edu.in> and <https://nbe.edu.in>

8. Communication Protocols

- 8.1. Information in this information bulletin & NBEMS website <https://nbe.edu.in> and <https://natboard.edu.in> will guide you through the examination process and help answer most of your queries.
- 8.2. In case you are still facing issues, then you can contact NBEMS through any of the following modes:

- **NBEMS Candidate Care helpline (Preferred mode):**

Helpline Number	011-45593000
Communication Web Portal of NBEMS	https://exam.natboard.edu.in/communication.php? page=main
Official Website	https://nbe.edu.in https://natboard.edu.in

- **By Post:**

Executive Director
National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences,
Medical Enclave,
Ansari Nagar,
New Delhi -110029

- 8.3. The preferred mode for handling the FDST related queries shall be by Communication Web Portal of NBEMS.
- 8.4. Communications related to FDST sent at any email ID of NBEMS may be missed.
- 8.5. Queries shall only be processed if same are sent through email ID of candidate registered with NBEMS.

8.6. Following Information must be provided in Communications addressed regarding FDST:

- *Name of the Candidate*
- *Email ID*
- *Mobile Number*
- *Correspondence Address*
- *Application ID/Roll Number for FDST*
- *Session of Examination*

❖ Communications sent without aforesaid information may not be entertained.

8.7. Do not send the same communication multiple times, as it will delay the response process.

8.8. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representative, associates or officiates of the candidate.

9. FDST (MDS Degree/PG Diploma) Blueprint

9.1. As per Principal Dental Council of India Screening Test Regulations, 2009, the distribution of subject-wise questions for MDS/PG Diploma holders is as under:

9.1.1. Paper I:

Subject	Public Health Dentistry	Paedontics & Preventive	Oral Pathology	Prostho.	Cons & Endo
Anatomy	10	10	10	10	10
Physiology	10	10	10	10	10
Biochemistry	10	10	10	5	10
General	10	10	10	5	10
General Microbiology	10	10	10	5	10
Oral Pathology	10	10	10	5	10
Oral				5	
Pharmacology	10	10	10	5	10
General Medicine	10	10	10	5	10
General Surgery	10	10	10	5	10
Applied Dental Materials	10	10	10	40	10
Total Questions	100	100	100	100	100

Subject	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Orthodontics	Oral Medicine	Periodontics
Anatomy	10	20	10	20
Physiology	10	20	10	20
Biochemistry	10	Nil	10	10
General	10	10	10	10
General Microbiology	10	Nil	10	10
Oral Pathology	10	Nil	10	10
Oral Microbiology		Nil	10	10
Pharmacology	10	15	10	10
General Medicine	10	Nil	10	Nil
General Surgery	10	Nil	10	Nil
Applied Dental Materials	10	35	Nil	Nil
Total Questions	100	100	100	100

9.1.2.Paper – II: Specialty questions in respective subjects - 150

For other details, DCI Screening Test Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time may kindly be referred to at DCI Website i.e. <http://www.dciindia.gov.in>

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(Monday to Friday: 09:30AM to 06:00 PM)
Website: <https://natboard.edu.in> and <https://nbe.edu.in>