Independent Member of Audit and Risk Committee Role, General Dental Council

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I have to be a UK national to apply for this role?

No, you do not have to be a UK national, but you will have to provide evidence of your right to live and work in the UK.

2. Is there an upper age limit?

No, there is no upper age limit.

3. Can I become an Independent Member if I have a full-time job?

Yes, people with full-time jobs are eligible to apply but will need to demonstrate that they can meet the time commitment of this role.

There is an expectation that Independent Members will generally spend approximately 10 days per year preparing for and attending meetings.

Meetings are held both in person and online via MS Teams. When in person, Committee meetings are held at the GDC's offices in London or Birmingham.

Independent Members are eligible to claim expenses in accordance with the GDC's travel and expenses policy.

4. Is this a fixed term appointment?

Yes, Independent Members will usually serve one single four-year term.

Re-appointments can be made at the end of the first period of appointment subject to satisfactory appraisal and the needs of the GDC. However, there should be no expectation of automatic reappointment.

5. Is the role remunerated?

Yes, £400 per day.

6. Are expenses covered and would I be responsible for booking my own travel?

Yes, the GDC will meet the cost of reasonable expenses (in accordance with its travel and expenses policy) and you will be expected to book your own travel.

7. Do I need to use a computer?

Yes, you will be provided with a work device, and we would generally expect our Members to be computer literate, to respond to communications via email and to be able to participate in meetings held virtually (via MS Teams or similar). We are, however, able to make reasonable adjustments, if needed, and will provide support in relation to training to use any particular software (such as MS Teams or our Board portal for reviewing papers).

8. How much experience are you looking for?

The Independent Member must be a qualified accountant with recent and relevant senior-level financial management experience.

The Independent Member must also demonstrate that they meet the essential criteria for the role.

We expect Independent Members to have sufficient judgement and integrity to inspire public confidence in our regulation and to hold the respect of the professions we regulate.

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9. Do I require any experience of working in regulation?

You do not require prior experience of working in regulation but must be able to demonstrate that you meet the essential criteria for the role which include experience working with the public sector in financial management, accounting and reporting.

10. Will the GDC seek references prior to appointment

No, the GDC will only secure two satisfactory references for the recommended candidate post final interview.

In addition to candidates completing the self-declaration in the Supporting Statement, further due diligence will also be undertaken should you progress to the final stage of the recruitment process. This will include (although the list is not exhaustive):

- Identity verification and right to work
- Insolvency check/disqualified directors' check
- Professional membership (where applicable)
- Media risk analysis (review of social media such as X (formally known as Twitter), Google or LinkedIn)

These due diligence checks will be completed for all candidates progressing to final interview.

11. What is your policy on diversity?

The GDC is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and values diversity of culture among our Council and Committee Members. We strongly encourage applications from all suitably qualified individuals, and we welcome applications from those with protected characteristics. We will seek to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly, with respect and without bias.

You can read our approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion here.

12. Can I speak to anyone before making a formal application?

Yes, you can speak to our advising consultants at Saxton Bampfylde. Contact details are provided on this website.

13. How do I apply?

Detailed instructions are included in the Applicant Pack. If you experience any difficulties, please contact Saxton Bampfylde, whose contact details are included in the pack**.**