

Enclosure 4(ii): 7

CRITERIA:	SCORE:
Independently assessed entry qualifications	Partly met
Summary comments (10 words max.)	
The IMPT has one currently running entry qualification leading directly to IMPT membership. While the IMPT is involved in QA, it is not clear how independent of the IMPT and the HEI the assessment of the qualification is.	
Detailed comments	
Full registration with the IMPT is by way of a basic qualification in dental technology plus, one or more further specialised qualifications plus work experience and appropriate employment plus passing the IMPT assessment interview and completion of the application form	
Basic qualifications include: City and Guilds Final Certificate, BTEC-ONC/OND, first degree BSc Technical Dentistry	
Further qualifications include: City and Guilds Advanced Certificate (Maxillofacial), HNC/HND incorporating 4 maxillofacial units, IMPT Membership examination, University Professional Diploma in Maxillofacial Prosthetics & Technology	
The only currently operating route for entry to the IMPT register is the first degree BSc Technical Dentistry followed by the University Diploma in Professional Studies - Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Technology offered at Manchester Met University.	
The first degree BSc in Technical Dentistry is currently offered at 2 locations: Manchester Met University and University of Wales, Cardiff.	
The requirements for entry to the University Diploma programme are determined by Manchester Met University only. Thus, the BSc programmes leading to entry have not been assessed by the IMPT. It is not clear from the application if Manchester Met undertakes an assessment of the UWIC BSc programme for entry to the Diploma programme or what the entry level requirement is for the Manchester Met programme.	
The QAA last audited Manchester Met University in October 1999. Dental Technology is included in the QAA subject area, however MPT is not specifically referred to.	
There is a viva for those University Diploma students who are on the pass/fail border. This examination process does not apply to any other students.	
There is not a formal validation process flowchart available.	
The IMPT Institutional Sub-Committee completes a report annually. A copy of the report template is included in the application materials. There is a section of the report that is completed by the Faculty.	
The institutional sub-committee also holds a meeting to discuss and review course content	

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