



**Executive Summary**  
**Renewal of Institutional Licensure**  
**Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Dubai**

**January 25 – February 1, 2019**

A Renewal of Institutional License Review Team (hereafter RILRT) appointed by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the Ministry of Education (MoE) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) undertook a distance review of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland- Dubai (RCSI-Dubai) in January-February, 2021, to evaluate an Application for Renewal of Institutional Licensure consisting of a *Self-Study* document and appendices (hereafter the *Application*) that had been received by the CAA on 22 July, 2020. The *Application* is reviewed against the 2019 version of the CAA Standards for Licensure and Accreditation (hereafter the *Standards*). An exit videoconference call with the College was held on 1 February 2021.

RCSI-Dubai is one of four branch campuses of RCSI, an independent, not for profit body, whose home campus is in Dublin, Republic of Ireland. The Dubai branch campus was established in 2005 in Knowledge Village, Dubai, shortly after establishment of a branch campus in Bahrain (2004), and a decade after establishment of Penang Medical College (in collaboration with University College Dublin) in Malaysia. A further Malaysian branch was established with Perdana University in Kuala Lumpur in 2011. The Dubai campus relocated to the Mohammed Bin Rashid Academic Medical Center (MBRAMC) in Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC) in 2007. RCSI-Dubai gained initial licensure in 2008, and full licensure in 2013. It currently offers three MSc programs, two of which (in Healthcare Management and in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management) received initial accreditation in 2008, and the third (in Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare) received initial accreditation in 2019. These programs are also offered at the home (Dublin) campus, and in Bahrain.

At the time of the visit, RCSI-Dubai had 61 students enrolled on the MS in Healthcare Management, 18 on the MS in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management and 48 on the MSc in Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare. There were two faculty and three administrative staff based at RCSI-Dubai. Additionally, 11 Dublin-based and three Bahrain-based faculty contribute to delivery of the Dubai programs. The programs are homed in RCSI's Institute of Leadership (IoL) which, along with the Schools of Medicine; Nursing and Midwifery; Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences; Physiotherapy; and Postgraduate Studies, and

a Centre for Positive Psychology and Health constitutes RCSI's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Established in 1784, RCSI is one of the four Royal Colleges of Surgeons in Great Britain and Ireland. Its Medical School was established in 1886 and it became a Recognized College of the National University of Ireland (NUI) in 1978. RCSI has been granted independent degree-awarding powers by the Irish Qualifications & Quality Assurance (Education & Training) Act 2012 which designates RCSI as a Designated Awarding Body but the College has not invoked these powers in respect of its taught programs and students' progress and awards remain governed by NUI academic rules and regulations.

The RILRT makes its Requirements and offers its Suggestions in a spirit of constructive engagement, with the aim of ensuring that the Standards are met, and to aid RCSI-Dubai in making necessary improvements to receive Renewal of Licensure.