

Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) Quick Facts

Name of Examination	Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE)
Purpose	The DLOSCE assesses clinical judgment, and is intended for use in fulfilling dental board's clinical examination requirement. The DLOSCE provides dental boards with information concerning whether a candidate for licensure possesses the level of clinical skills that is necessary to safely practice.
Content Domain and Test Specifications	<p>The DLOSCE is comprehensive in its evaluation of clinical judgment, measuring content in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative 24% • Prosthodontics 19% • Oral Pathology, Pain Management, and Temporomandibular Dysfunction 13% • Periodontics 10% • Oral Surgery 9% • Endodontics 8% • Orthodontics 6% • Medical Emergencies and Prescriptions 11% <p>Additionally, the following applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and Treatment Planning—as well as Occlusion—are covered across the topics listed above. • The DLOSCE includes questions involving patients of various types and backgrounds, including pediatric, geriatric, special needs, and medically complex.
Question Format	DLOSCE questions can be accompanied by 3-D models, clinical photographs, and radiographs. While all DLOSCE questions involve a patient, it is not a "patient-based" examination (administration occurs without the need for live patients).
Practice Questions	DLOSCE practice questions can be obtained via the following link: https://www.ada.org/~/media/JCNDE/pdfs/practice_questions.pdf?la=en
First Date of Availability	<p>On April 2, 2020, the JCNDE announced that the DLOSCE will be released on June 15, 2020. The DLOSCE will be administered in testing windows, with availability for 2020 currently as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 15 – July 17, 2020 • November 9 - 27, 2020
Eligibility	DLOSCE eligibility rules for students of US dental programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) are determined by each program. Each program at its discretion may institute its own specific requirements pertaining to the examination.



Administration	The DLOSCE will contain 150 questions and require 1 day to administer. Administrations will occur at select Prometric testing centers located throughout the US. The DLOSCE Candidate Guide can be downloaded via the following link: https://www.ada.org/-/media/JCNDE/pdfs/dlosce_guide.pdf?la=en
Cost of Administration	The fee for 2020 administrations of the DLOSCE will be \$800. A lower fee is being charged in 2020, due to COVID-19 and the unique challenges faced by students.
General Policies and Procedures	Unless stated otherwise, DLOSCE policies and procedures are anticipated to be fully consistent with the policies and procedures of the JCNDE. This includes, for example, policies concerning examination rules of conduct and appeals.
Results Reporting	<p>Candidate Results. The DLOSCE is a criterion-referenced examination, with the minimum passing score (i.e., 75) determined by subject matter experts through rigorous standard-setting activities. DLOSCE results will be reported as Pass/Fail. Candidates who Pass will simply receive notification of their status as having passed the examination. Candidates who Fail will be provided general information that permits them to understand areas where remediation would be beneficial.</p> <p>DLOSCE results will typically be made available approximately four to five weeks after the close of each administration window. Results can be viewed online by logging into the My Account Summary</p> <p>School Results. Candidates' Pass/Fail status will be reported through the DTS Hub. Schools will receive periodic reports that describe how their students perform on the examination, relative to students from other schools.</p> <p>Dental Board Results. Candidates' Pass/Fail status will be reported through the DTS Hub.</p>



Retesting Policy	<p>The DLOSCE Retest Policy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates who have not passed may apply for re-examination.• Candidates will be permitted to test once per testing window.• Candidates who have not passed the examination within five attempts or five years from their first attempt are limited to one examination attempt per 12-month period.• Candidates who have passed may not retake the examination unless required by a state board or relevant regulatory agency.
Dental Boards	Candidates should contact the dental boards of each state to understand state requirements and the acceptability of the DLOSCE. With respect to administration timing, the JCNDE has received informal feedback suggesting a general preference for candidates to complete the examination in close proximity to when they are applying for licensure.
Governance	<p>The governing body of the DLOSCE Program is the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE).</p> <p>In 2017, the ADA Board of Trustees authorized the formation of a DLOSCE Steering Committee charged with developing and validating the DLOSCE. Consistent with its charge, the DLOSCE Steering Committee identified the JCNDE as the ideal governing body, due to the JCNDE's long and distinguished track record of providing valid and reliable high-stakes examinations for licensure purposes, to protect the public health. In January 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the transfer of final development and future administration oversight of the DLOSCE to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE). The DLOSCE Steering Committee now serves as an ad hoc committee of the JCNDE.</p> <p>A specific timeline of activity can be found at https://www.ada.org/en/jcnde/dental-licensure-objective-structured-clinical-examination/dlosce-historical-timeline.</p>
Validity and Technical Information	<p>The DLOSCE is supported by content validity arguments, the same type of validity evidence that is used to support the JCNDE's other examination programs—the National Board Dental Examinations Parts I and II, the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, and the Integrated National Board Dental Examination. DLOSCE content has been developed by teams of highly qualified subject matter experts, working together to build examination questions that are capable of accurately and reliably identifying those who possess the clinical skills necessary to safely practice dentistry. A summary of DLOSCE validity evidence is provided at the following link:</p> <p>https://www.ada.org/en/jcnde/dental-licensure-objective-structured-clinical-examination/news-and-resources</p> <p>The DLOSCE Technical Report will be made available subsequent to results reporting for the first test administration window.</p>
Additional Information	Please see the DLOSCE website: www.ada.org/jcnde/dlosce . The JCNDE can also be reached via dlosce@ada.org .