

Recent and Forthcoming Updates to Examinations

Department of Testing Services

This document describes recent and forthcoming updates to examinations implemented by the Department of Testing Services (DTS). Please check back for additional updates as they become available. If you have any questions, please contact dtsonline@ada.org.

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Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Implemented in 2021	Antibiotic Prophylaxis	<p>In 2021, the American Heart Association (AHA) released a new <u>scientific statement regarding the use of antibiotic prophylaxis</u>. Examination questions reflect the updates provided in the 2021 scientific statement from AHA.</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/antibiotic-prophylaxis.</p>
Implemented in 2021	Anesthesia (Physical Status Classifications)	<p>In December 2020, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) released an amendment to the Physical Status Classification System used to assess and communicate a patient's pre-anesthesia medical co-morbidities. Information about the amended classification system is available here: https://www.asahq.org/standards-and-guidelines/asa-physical-status-classification-system. Examination questions reflect the 2020 amended classification system.</p>
Implemented in 2021	Dental Traumatology	<p>In 2020, the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) released updated guidelines for the evaluation and management of traumatic dental injuries. Information about the updated guidelines is available here: https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/for-professionals.html. Examination questions reflect the 2020 IADT guidelines.</p>
Implemented in 2020	Periodontal Classifications	<p>In 2017, the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) introduced new periodontal classifications. Examination questions reflect the new classification system introduced by AAP in 2017. Periodontal educators recommend that individuals refer to the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions—available on the American Academy of Periodontology website—for additional information.</p>

Implemented in 2020	Blood Pressure	<p>In 2017, the American Heart Association (AHA) released new information regarding hypertension guidelines. Examination questions reflect the information provided in the 2017 update.</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/hypertension.</p>
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Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Target Implementation: Late 2022	Antibiotic Prophylaxis	<p>In 2021, the American Heart Association (AHA) released a new <u>scientific statement regarding the use of antibiotic prophylaxis</u>. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the updates provided in the 2021 scientific statement from AHA (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time, examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/antibiotic-prophylaxis.</p>
Target Implementation: Late 2022	Anesthesia (Physical Status Classifications)	<p>In December 2020, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) released an amendment to the Physical Status Classification System used to assess and communicate a patient’s pre-anesthesia medical co-morbidities. Information about the amended classification system is available here: https://www.asahq.org/standards-and-guidelines/asa-physical-status-classification-system. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the 2020 amended classification system (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time, examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.</p>
Target Implementation: Late 2022	Dental Traumatology	<p>In 2020, the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) released updated guidelines for the evaluation and management of traumatic dental injuries. Information about the updated guidelines is available here: https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/for-professionals.html. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the 2020 IADT guidelines (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time,</p>

		examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.
Target Implementation: Late 2022	Radiography	Beginning in late 2022, the term “film” will no longer be used on the examination to refer to radiographs. Until that time, there may be a small number of examination questions that use the term “film” in place of the term “radiograph.”
Implemented in 2020	Periodontal Classifications	In 2017, the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) introduced new periodontal classifications. Examination questions reflect the new classification system introduced by AAP in 2017. Periodontal educators recommend that individuals refer to the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions—available on the American Academy of Periodontology website—for additional information.
Implemented in 2020	Blood Pressure	In 2017, the American Heart Association (AHA) released new information regarding hypertension guidelines. Examination questions reflect the information provided in the 2017 update. Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/hypertension .

National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Part II [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Implemented in 2020	Periodontal Classifications	In 2017, the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) introduced new periodontal classifications. Examination questions reflect the new classification system introduced by AAP in 2017. Periodontal educators recommend that individuals refer to the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions—available on the American Academy of Periodontology website—for additional information.
	Radiography	There may be a small number of examination questions that use the term “film” in place of the term “radiograph.”

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) [Last updated 10/12/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Target Implementation: Nov 1, 2022	Antibiotic Prophylaxis	<p>In 2021, the American Heart Association (AHA) released a new <u>scientific statement regarding the use of antibiotic prophylaxis</u>. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the updates provided in the 2021 scientific statement from AHA (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time, examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/antibiotic-prophylaxis.</p>
Target Implementation: Nov 1, 2022	Anesthesia (Physical Status Classifications)	<p>In December 2020, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) released an amendment to the Physical Status Classification System used to assess and communicate a patient’s pre-anesthesia medical co-morbidities. Information about the amended classification system is available here: https://www.asahq.org/standards-and-guidelines/asa-physical-status-classification-system. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the 2020 amended classification system (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time, examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.</p>
Target Implementation: Nov 1, 2022	Dental Traumatology	<p>In 2020, the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) released updated guidelines for the evaluation and management of traumatic dental injuries. Information about the updated guidelines is available here: https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/for-professionals.html. Beginning in late 2022, examination questions will reflect the 2020 IADT guidelines (the exact date of implementation will be provided as soon as it is known). Until that time,</p>

		examination questions will reflect guidance available prior to the release of the new information.
Target Implementation: Nov 1, 2022	Radiography	Beginning in late 2022, the term “film” will no longer be used on the examination to refer to radiographs. Until that time, there may be a small number of examination questions that use the term “film” in place of the term “radiograph.”
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Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

There are no recent or forthcoming updates to report at this time.

Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Implemented in 2022	Antibiotic Prophylaxis	<p>In 2021, the American Heart Association (AHA) released a new <u>scientific statement regarding the use of antibiotic prophylaxis</u>. Examination questions reflect the updates provided in the 2021 scientific statement from AHA.</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/antibiotic-prophylaxis.</p>
Implemented in 2022	Anesthesia (Physical Status Classifications)	<p>In December 2020, the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) released an amendment to the Physical Status Classification System used to assess and communicate a patient's pre-anesthesia medical co-morbidities. Information about the amended classification system is available here: https://www.asahq.org/standards-and-guidelines/asa-physical-status-classification-system. Examination questions reflect the 2020 amended classification system.</p>
Implemented in 2022	Dental Traumatology	<p>In 2020, the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT) released updated guidelines for the evaluation and management of traumatic dental injuries. Information about the updated guidelines is available here: https://www.iadt-dentaltrauma.org/for-professionals.html. Examination questions reflect the 2020 IADT guidelines.</p>
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Implemented in 2020	Blood Pressure	<p>In 2017, the American Heart Association (AHA) released new information regarding hypertension</p>

		<p>guidelines. Examination questions reflect the information provided in the 2017 update</p> <p>Relevant information concerning the AHA guidelines is available here: https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/oral-health-topics/hypertension.</p>
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Dental Admission Test (DAT) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Implemented 1/21/22	Biology	Changes to the DAT Biology Test Specifications were implemented on January 21, 2022. Students who plan to take the DAT are encouraged to review the updated specifications, which include several new topics that were not previously covered on the examination. Additional information about the changes is available in the DAT Candidate Guide , under “Scope of the Examination.”

Optometry Admission Test (OAT) [Last updated 09/21/2022]

Date	Topic	Notes
Implemented 4/13/22	Biology	Changes to the OAT Biology Test Specifications were implemented on April 13, 2022. Students who plan to take the OAT are encouraged to review the updated specifications, which include several new topics that were not previously covered on the examination. Additional information about the changes is available in the OAT Candidate Guide , under “Scope of the Examination.”