

**Unofficial Report of Major Actions
Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
June 23, 2020**

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) met via teleconference on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 and took the following actions:

1. Approved the 2021 budget proposal, proposed new and updated research and development activities for 2020 and 2021, and 2021 proposed candidate examination fees. The JCNDE recommended 2021 examination fees as follows:
 - National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Part II: \$530
 - Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE): \$750
 - Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE): \$1,650
Editorial Note: On October 7, 2020 the JCNDE approved a resolution indicating that the DLOSCE will be administered for a total fee of \$800 in 2021, in light of the continuing challenges faced by students due to COVID-19.
 - National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE): \$490
 - Processing fee for candidates from non-accredited institutions: \$235
 - Score report request fee (additional reports): \$45
2. Approved actions concerning the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) as follows:
 - Clarified DLOSCE test specifications concerning “Medical Emergencies and Prescriptions.” This topic has been allocated 11% of the available questions. The clarification separates the two areas indicated, with corresponding item allocations as follows:
 - Medical Emergencies (6%)
 - Prescriptions (5%)
 - Reviewed informational reports of the JCNDE’s DLOSCE Steering Committee, and received a corresponding oral report from Dr. Roy Thompson, Chair of this Committee.
3. Approved actions and reviewed progress in support of the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) and its implementation, including the following:
 - Approved the INBDE score report for failing INBDE candidates, to assist with remediation.
 - Directed DTS staff to implement INBDE results reporting for dental boards and dental education programs.
 - Accepted the first edition of the INBDE Technical Report.
 - Determined the minimum level of INBDE performance a candidate must demonstrate to pass the examination, based on the recommendations of the 2020 INBDE Standard Setting Panel.
 - Reappointed current INBDE test constructors, and selected new test constructors to serve in the 2021 INBDE test construction pool.
4. Reaffirmed the Joint Commission’s commitment to the quality and validity of examinations in the NBDE and NBDHE Programs. This includes the following approvals:
 - Encouraged test constructors to develop items addressing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and infection control—including airborne pathogens—where applicable and in accordance with the relevant areas within current test specifications.

- Reappointed current NBDE and NBDHE test constructors, and selected new NBDE and NBDHE test constructors to serve in 2021 test constructor pools. Additionally, individuals serving as NBDE Part II test constructors are approved to serve as INBDE test constructors in the 2021 INBDE Test Constructor Pool.
 - Approved the following reports used to monitor and report on the quality and performance of National Board Examinations:
 - National Board Dental Examinations Technical Report
 - National Board Dental Hygiene Examination Technical Report
 - Examination Quality and Candidate Performance Trends
 - Approved the National Board Examination Candidate Guides.
5. Pursued efforts in support of the strategic direction of the Joint Commission. This includes the following:
- Added a second Dental Hygiene member to the Board of Commissioners, with the new member's term to begin in October 2020. Henceforth the American Dental Hygienist's Association (ADHA) will be appointing a total of two dental hygienists to serve as Commissioners on the JCNDE, one of whom is a current educator, and one of whom is a current practitioner.
 - Directed staff to develop a business plan to understand potential interest in developing a Dental Hygiene Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DHLOSCE), and the anticipated requirements to develop, implement, and provide ongoing support for such an examination.
 - Amended the *Rules of the JCNDE* and the *Operational and Policy Manual of the JCNDE* to further reduce potential conflicts of interest, particularly in light of the January 2020 transfer of the DLOSCE from the ADA Board of Trustees to the JCNDE.
 - New Commissioners must not simultaneously serve or have served as either a principal officer or an active examiner of an external clinical testing or clinical test development agency within the last 3 years.
 - Test constructors cannot simultaneously serve as an examiner for any external clinical testing or clinical test development agencies, nor can they have served on such an agency for the past 2 years.
 - Approved actions enabling the JCNDE to respond with greater agility in challenging, unprecedented circumstances—including those present due to COVID-19—in accordance with the JCNDE's Mission and Vision, sound psychometric principles, and best practices in the professional testing industry:
 - the allocation of items on examinations may be implemented, and reported on a percentage basis, as opposed to relying on fixed item counts.
 - the JCNDE may utilize remote proctoring administration methods to provide business continuity of JCNDE testing programs.
 - Recommended focusing strategic communications efforts on the DLOSCE, the INBDE, and the NBDHE.
6. Dr. Kanthasamy "Ragu" Raganathan will serve as JCNDE Chair for the 2020-2021 term. The JCNDE also elected Dr. R. Michael Sanders to serve as Vice Chair during the aforementioned term. Their service in these roles will begin in October 2020.
7. Successfully convened the State Dental Board Forum (SDBF) directly before the meeting of the JCNDE, with remote participation occurring via webinar.

8. The next annual meetings of the JCNDE will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The annual State Dental Board Forum (SDBF) meetings will occur on these same two days, and will directly precede the meeting of the JCNDE.

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