

**Unofficial Report of Major Actions
Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
June 14, 2017**

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) met at the American Dental Association (ADA) headquarters on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 and took the following actions:

1. Approved the 2017 and 2018 budget proposal, proposed research and development activities for 2017 and 2018, and 2018 candidate fees. The total examination fees charged in 2018 to candidates will be \$435 for the National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Part I, \$480 for the NBDE Part II, and \$430 for the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE). Candidates from non-accredited institutions will be assessed an additional \$200 processing fee at the time of application. Score report request fees will be \$37. These fees are subject to approval by the American Dental Association (ADA) House of Delegates (HOD).
2. Approved actions and reviewed progress in support of the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) and its implementation, including the following:
 - Approved the annual report of the Committee for an Integrated Examination (CIE), and directed staff to communicate the findings of the 2016 INBDE Short Form Field Test to stakeholders and communities of interest.
 - Approved the test specifications for the INBDE. Test specifications indicate the number of questions allocated to specific content areas.
 - Approved the 2017 INBDE Field Test as a Mid-Length Form comprised of 300 questions. Administration of the 2017 Field Test will occur November 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018, and will require a total of eight (8) hours.
 - Approved the proposed methodology for the 2017 INBDE Field Test, including a performance-based incentive for participants as follows:
 - \$500 to candidates whose test performance falls within the 4th Quartile
 - \$400 to candidates whose test performance falls within the 3rd Quartile
 - \$350 to candidates whose test performance falls within the 2nd Quartile
 - \$300 to candidates whose test performance falls within the 1st Quartile
 - Approved posting 30 INBDE Field Test questions to the INBDE website, as practice test questions for use by communities of interest
 - Requested the Committee for an Integrated Examination (CIE) develop a clear and concise list of selection criteria to facilitate the selection of INBDE Test Constructors.
3. Reaffirmed the Joint Commission's commitment to the quality and validity of its current examination programs (NBDE Parts I and II, and the NBDHE). This includes the following approvals:
 - Updates to the test specifications for the NBDHE, including slight increases in the number of questions appearing in the following two areas: pharmacology and periodontal procedures.
 - Updates to the test specifications for the NBDE Part II, including slight increases in the number of questions appearing in the following three areas: endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery/pain control, and patient management.
 - Pursuit of a multiyear plan to update the Joint Commission's practice analysis methodology, to further improve examination validity and the content basis for Joint Commission examination programs.

- Reappointment of current NBDE and NBDHE test constructors, and selection of new primary and alternate NBDE and NBDHE test constructors for committees meeting in 2018.
 - Revisions to selection criteria for Dental Hygiene Test Constructors.
 - Acceptance of 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
 - Trends in Candidate Performance Report
 - Quality of Recent Examinations Report
 - The Joint Commission will seek approval from the American Dental Association to investigate the relationship between National Board Examination performance and performance on examinations of the American Dental Association, in accordance with agreements appearing in corresponding Examination Candidate Guides, for internal research purposes only. This would provide supplemental validity evidence in support of the National Board Examinations.
4. Pursued efforts in support of the strategic direction of the Joint Commission. This includes the following approvals and discussions:
- Submission of a self-assessment report to the 2017 ADA HOD, in compliance with ADA HOD policy. This introspective report was developed over a two-year period.
 - Authorization of funding in support of a facilitated planning process to develop a comprehensive strategic plan that identifies and prioritizes short and long terms goals and corresponding action plans, with consideration given to factors such as the Joint Commission's needs, values, scope, mission, governance, operating environment, stakeholders, communities of interest, projects, resources, and deliverables, as well as the Joint Commission's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.
 - Changes to JCNDE Bylaws, contingent upon approval by the ADA HOD, which would permit the Joint Commission to develop written examinations, exclusive of clinical demonstrations, for the purpose of assisting state boards in determining *qualifications of other oral health care professionals* who seek licensure to practice in any state, district or dependency of the United States, which recognizes the National Board Examinations. In short, this change would expand the Joint Commission's current scope to include other oral health care professionals (i.e., beyond dentists and dental hygienists).
 - The Joint Commission will be distributing a communication to AADB, ADA, and ADEA, soliciting feedback concerning the Joint Commission's interest in serving as a provider of licensure examinations for oral health care professions. An informational copy of this communication will also be provided to the ADHA.

5. Considered requests made to the Joint Commission involving communities of interest.
 - Approved the development of a contractual agreement with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to report National Board Dental Examination results to ADEA, for use in the following advanced dental education program and advanced standing program application systems: ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS) and the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (ADEA CAAPID). ADEA will use Applicant Information for reporting applicant scores to dental schools and programs as designated by the applicant and participating in ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS and ADEA CAAPID (the “Purpose”), and for no other purpose other than for those purposes for which ADEA is authorized directly by the applicant.
 - Approved extending through 2022 the Joint Commission’s contractual agreement with the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) concerning NBDE released questions. This extension permits dissemination of NBDE released questions to individual students and others in print format for individual study for a modest fee.
 - Reviewed a request by the National Board Dental Examination Part II Patient Management Test Construction Committee (TCC), to consider providing detailed examination performance information to dental programs, beyond the performance information that is already currently provided to these programs. The Joint Commission expresses its heartfelt thanks to these Test Constructors for their commitment and contribution in providing item development support for the National Board Dental Examination Part II. However, the TCC’s request falls outside the scope and mission of the Joint Commission.
6. Approved efforts in support of the Joint Commission’s mission, and the reduction of potential conflicts of interest for Commissioners.
 - A member of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations cannot simultaneously serve as a principal officer of a clinical testing agency. This change – made to the Joint Commission’s Standing Rules – requires approval by the ADA House of Delegates
 - Accepted the process and criteria for electing the JCNDE public member.
7. Approved modifications to the JCNDE’s Examination Regulations, including changes to reflect the Joint Commission’s transition to electronic reporting mechanisms, clarify the concept of certification, and incorporate the processing fee associated with candidates from non-accredited institutions
8. Reaffirmed Dr. Lisa Heinrich-Null as Chair and elected Dr. William F. Robinson as Vice Chair of the Joint Commission. Their terms will begin in October of 2017.
9. Approved proposed 2018 and 2019 meeting dates, pending meeting and hotel room availability. June 20, 2018 is the scheduled meeting date for 2018. To facilitate greater participation by dental board members in the National Dental Examiners’ Advisory Forum (NDEAF), in 2018 NDEAF will directly precede the full JCNDE meeting.

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