

JULY UPDATE

The National Dental Examining Board of Canada

Former Executive Director to receive top Canadian Honour

Dr. Jack Gerrow appointed to the Order of Canada

In June, the Governor General of Canada announced 105 new appointments to the Order of Canada. Among those is former Executive Director and Registrar Dr. Jack Gerrow. Dr. Gerrow is being recognized for his contributions to the field of dentistry.



Upcoming Examinations and Assessments

AUG 11

Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge

SEPT 7

Dental Specialty Core Knowledge Examination

NOV 17-18

Written Examination & OSCE

Nov 30

Assessment of Clinical Judgement

DEC 1-2

Assessment of Clinical Skills

Budget and Fees

The NDEB Board held its Interim Meeting on May 12, 2018. During the meeting the members approved the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Goals for the budget are to increase the reserve fund, maintain fees, and recover costs. The budget includes fee changes effective for examinations and assessments administered in 2019. Most of the fee increases are small and consistent with increases over past years. The most significant increase is the fee for ACS Appeals. In 2019, this fee will be increased to \$1,700 from \$850. Fees are established on a cost recovery basis, and the expenses to run the appeals processes have continuously exceeded the income. In addition, the NDEB has implemented a tyodont viewing fee of \$100 effective July 1, 2018. This fee will be charged to any participant who wants to view their ACS tyodonts after the assessment.

COMPARISON OF 2018 AND 2019 FEES

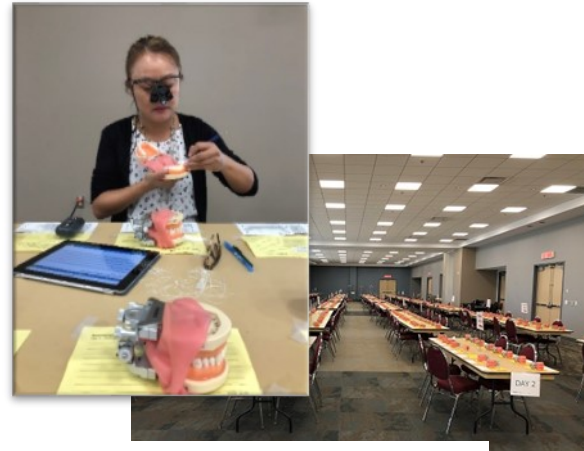
Equivalency Process Application	\$1,150	vs.	\$1,250	8.7% increase
Assessment of Clinical Skills (ACS)	\$7,000	vs.	\$8,000	14.3% increase
ACS Appeals Fee	\$850	vs.	\$1,700	100% increase
Written Examination	\$1,100	vs.	\$1,200	9.1% increase
OSCE	\$1,100	vs.	\$1,200	9.1% increase
DSCKE withdrawal fee 14 days prior	\$1,500	vs.	\$2,000	33.3% increase

June 2018 Evaluation Session

On June 21-24, 2018, the NDEB hosted over 90 evaluators from across the country to complete the grading of the June Assessment of Clinical Skills (ACS).

Evaluators are individuals appointed by the Dental Regulatory Authorities and Canadian Faculties of Dentistry. Their role during the session requires participation in an in-depth calibration session prior to evaluating the ACS required procedures and assigning grades based on the established criteria.

Evaluation Sessions are held twice a year in January and June.



Statistics

WRITTEN

March 2018		May 2018	
Candidates	% Pass	Candidates	% Pass
822	85	238	82

OSCE

March 2018		May 2018	
Candidates	% Pass	Candidates	% Pass
798	91	204	95

ACJ

2017		2018*	
Participants	% Pass	Participants	% Pass
836	34	410	43

* June only

ACS

2017		2018*	
Participants	% Pass	Participants	% Pass
812	39	351	40

* June only

Results Processing

“Why does it take so long to get my results?”

It is not uncommon for the NDEB to receive many inquiries following the administration of an exam. One question that is regularly asked is “why does it take so long for the NDEB to provide the results?”

The NDEB’s result processing is in-depth and designed to ensure that the results released to examinees are accurate and reflect the performance of the examinee on the test.

As NDEB examinations are currently delivered on paper across the country, all exam materials need to first be shipped back to the NDEB office and reconciled. Answer sheets are then scanned, and staff confirms any missing identification information or version numbers.

Once all the data has been captured, a calculation and initial validation of results takes place. This process includes verifying a pre-determined number of answer sheets through hand scoring to confirm no electronic scoring errors are occurring.

A series of statistical reports are then generated, and the Chief and Assistant Chief Examiners review the reports as well as the differential analysis between English and French versions to identify any anomalies.

The results are then verified a final time before being released to examinees. In general, this process takes between four and six weeks, and while the NDEB appreciates the anticipation of those awaiting their results, the accuracy of the results processing is paramount and done in a way the NDEB can be confident there are no errors.