

## Preparing for Your Examinations

### Resource for Online Test Prep

[www.ada.org/en/jcnnde/inbde/test-preparation](http://www.ada.org/en/jcnnde/inbde/test-preparation)

### Written Exam

To assist state boards in determining the qualifications of dentists who seek licensure, the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCND) conducts the National Board Dental Examinations (NBDE) Part I and Part II, as well as the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE). Both exams are offered in a computerized format. Although additional examinations may be required at the state level, all licensing boards use the NBDE to satisfy a major portion of their licensing examination requirements.

### Exam Results

Online results will be posted 3 – 4 weeks from your test date. If you have further questions, contact the Department of Testing Services at [nbexams@ada.org](mailto:nbexams@ada.org).

### Jurisprudence Examination

In addition to the NBDE, most states and the District of Columbia require a written jurisprudence examination, which tests the applicant's knowledge of that state's dental practice act. The state boards of dentistry develop, administer, and score their own jurisprudence examinations. Applicants should contact the Board of Dentistry in the state in which licensure is sought to arrange to take this exam.

### Live Patient & Manikin-Based Clinical Examination

Once a student meets the educational and NBDE requirements, the next step is to take the appropriate clinical dental licensing examination. Clinical exams are developed and administered by dental clinical testing agencies at dental schools. Most states participate in one or more regional examining boards, and a few administer their own exams. Unlike the written examinations, which are fairly standard, clinical exams vary. Most candidates who do not achieve licensure on their first attempt fail some aspect of the clinical exam.

#### **There are five regional testing agencies:**

Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS)

Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA)

Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), formerly the NERB

Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA)

Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)

Review the licensure laws and regulations from your individual state board websites to see which exams are accepted where license is sought.