

Examinations: Resources for D4 Students and Residents

Written Exam

The Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) is a crucial licensure exam that evaluates candidates' clinical skills through one or more dental problem-solving tasks. This two-day exam replaces the NBDE Part I and NBDE Part II and aims to help U.S. dental boards assess whether candidates possess the necessary clinical skills for safe entry-level dental practice. The INBDE is overseen by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) in collaboration with the Department of Testing Services (DTS). The exam is administered at Prometric test centers, an authorized vendor for JCNDE and DTS. All U.S. states and territories recognize the INBDE as meeting all or part of the written examination requirements for licensure. For specific details, clarifications, and updated policies, please visit the dental board website. Additional information can be found in the [INBDE Candidate Guide](#). Online exam results are typically available 3 – 4 weeks after your test date. For further inquiries, contact the Department of Testing Services at nbexams@ada.org.

Jurisprudence Examination

Most states and the District of Columbia mandate a written jurisprudence exam, assessing knowledge of the state's dental practice act. State dental boards develop, administer, and score these exams. Applicants should contact their state's Board of Dentistry to schedule this exam.

Manikin-Based Simulated Clinical Examination

There are three agencies that administer clinical exams using manikins and live patients. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many states now allow students to complete all or part of their clinical exam requirements simulated on a manikin. To get up-to-date information on which exams are accepted in your state, review the licensure laws and regulations on the individual state board websites.

The three testing agencies are:

- [Central Regional Dental Testing Service \(CRDTS\)](#)
- [CDCA-WREB-CITA](#)
- [Southern Regional Testing Agency \(SRTA\)](#)
[SRTA Candidate Manual](#)

CDCA-WREB-CITA Exam schedules by area/dental school are available [here](#).

Review your state's licensure laws and regulations on their respective board websites to determine which exams are accepted where you seek licensure.

For online test preparation resources, visit ADA Test Preparation.

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