



Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) 2019 Candidate Guide



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You are required to read this document before you apply to take the examination.

At the time of application, you will be required to confirm that you have read this document, understood its contents, and agree to the policies and procedures contained herein.

Changes to the ADAT Program might occur after publication of this Guide and will be posted at [ADA.org/ADAT/guide](https://ada.org/ADAT/guide). You must abide by the policies and procedures currently in effect at the time of your test administration.

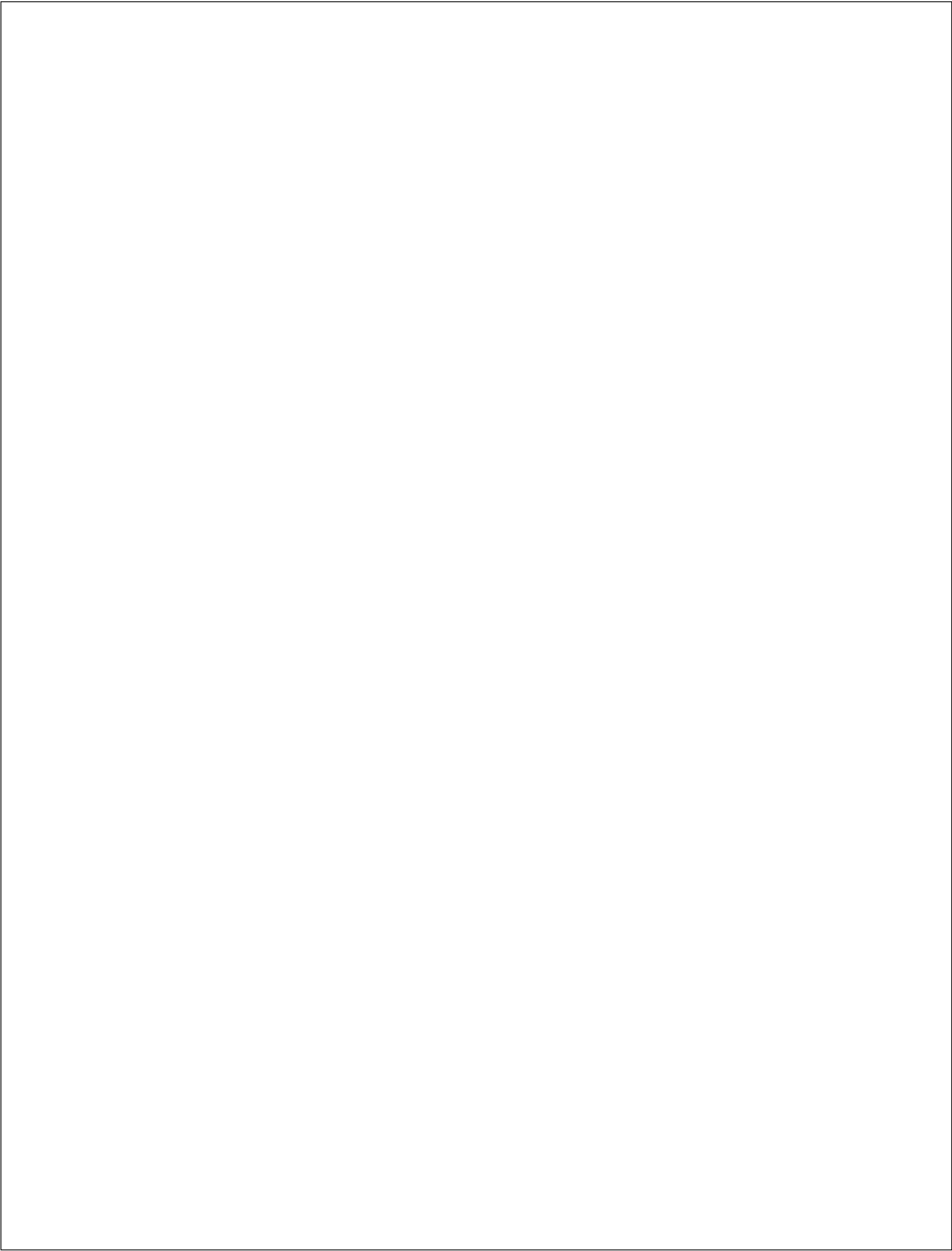


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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This document is the official guide to policies and procedures for the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT). It provides information such as application and testing procedures, test content, the consequences of rules violations, and scoring.

ABOUT THE ADAT AND THE ADAT PROGRAM

The ADAT is an admission test designed to provide advanced dental education programs with a means to assess an applicant's potential for success.

The American Dental Association's (ADA) Department of Testing Services implements the ADAT Program under the auspices of the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL). CDEL and its Dental Admission Testing Committee work to establish program policies, monitor program activities, and make decisions concerning candidate appeals, while the Department of Testing Services conducts the activities required to construct, administer, score, and report results for the examination. The ADAT is administered at test centers operated by Pearson VUE.

The ADAT is composed of multiple-choice questions presented in the English language and covers the following areas: Biomedical Sciences; Clinical Sciences; and Data, Research Interpretation, and Evidence-Based Dentistry. The ADAT is used by advanced dental programs in conjunction with other admission tools that provide insight into candidate qualifications as they relate to core program requirements.

ETHICAL CONDUCT IN APPLYING TO ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct (ADA Code) states the following:

The dental profession holds a special position of trust within society. As a consequence, society affords the profession certain privileges that are not available to members of the public at large. In return, the profession makes a commitment to society that its members will adhere to high ethical standards of conduct. These standards are embodied in the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct (ADA Code). The ADA Code is, in effect, a written expression of the obligations arising from the implied contract between the dental profession and society.

The above statement is pertinent to all individuals seeking admission to post-doctoral dental education programs. The application process is an appropriate time to confirm understanding of, and agree to continue to adhere to, the Code's ethical obligations. Members of the dental profession voluntarily abide by the ADA Code in the interest of protecting patients and maintaining society's trust. Submission of an application to a post-doctoral dental education program is an important step as individuals consider beginning a new phase in their career as dental professionals. With the application comes the obligation to affirm and uphold the highest level of honesty and ethical behavior. An applicant is held to the same high standards for truth, full disclosure, and accuracy as practicing members of the profession.

Applicants to advanced dental education programs are expected to understand and comply with the standards expressed in this statement in their application to take the ADAT.

Behavior that results in misconduct or irregularity in the advanced dental education admission process is a very serious matter that can have consequences for the applicant. An applicant who acts unethically risks being denied admission to advanced dental education programs. Moreover, such unethical actions can result in more serious outcomes if they are discovered after enrollment in a program or at the beginning of practice.

It is important that applicants understand the significance of exhibiting professional behavior throughout their careers.

The ADA and the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) have developed the ADA Code in collaboration, as both organizations play important roles in the admission process. The ADA sponsors the ADAT, and the ADEA sponsors the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS). The ADEA PASS is a centralized, postdoctoral application service in which U.S. and Canadian advanced dental education programs participate.

The ADA and ADEA expect current and aspiring dental professionals to exhibit strong ethical behavior.

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND PREPARATION MATERIALS

SCOPE OF THE EXAMINATION

The ADAT is composed of multiple-choice test items presented in the English language. The test is developed according to established test specifications. The ADAT consists of three sections on the following: Biomedical Sciences; Clinical Sciences; and Data, Research Interpretation, and Evidence-Based Dentistry.

Both the U.S. customary system and the metric system (Imperial System, International System) of measurement are used in the ADAT. Additional information on test content is provided below.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the June 2018 issue of the Journal of Periodontology the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) published updates to its Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions. Candidates completing examinations published through the Department of Testing Services—including those overseen by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or by the American Dental Association—continue to be based on the prior (i.e., 1999) AAP disease classification. Candidates will be notified when examinations are updated to reflect the new terminology.

DATA, RESEARCH INTERPRETATION, AND EVIDENCE-BASED DENTISTRY

This section of the ADAT focuses on concepts taught within the framework of Evidence-Based Dentistry. Within this framework, clinicians must know how to critically and systematically review research findings, understand basic methodological issues, and use this information to apply research findings in decision-making involving their practice and specific patients.

With respect to Evidence-Based Dentistry, the ADAT Program has focused on the following core concepts:

- Asking precise, structured clinical questions
- Finding the best evidence using currently available electronic resources
- Reading and critically evaluating research information
- Understanding clinical trial design (e.g., therapy, diagnosis, qualitative assessment)
- Understanding and interpreting basic statistical information (e.g., descriptive statistics, odds ratios, risk reduction, relative risk) to implement evidence-based dentistry appropriately in practice settings
- Using evidence-based clinical guidelines, recommendations, and systematic reviews
- Implementing best evidence in clinical practice

Items are written to assess a candidate's ability to:

- compare findings from two studies and determine which study is stronger from a methodological perspective.
- compare study findings and determine which is the most relevant to a current situation faced by the clinician.
- interpret study findings accurately, even if the original study authors made interpretational errors or might have been motivated to promote a particular intervention and outcome.

Some questions in this section involve interpreting a summarized research study. Candidates are expected to carefully examine information appearing in a "Research Box" to answer the corresponding questions correctly.

EXAMINATION SPECIFICATIONS

Biomedical Sciences (80 Items)

- Anatomic Sciences (20 items)
 - Gross Anatomy
 - Histology
 - Oral Histology
 - Developmental Biology
- Biochemistry and Physiology (20 items)
 - Biological Compounds
 - Metabolism
 - Molecular and Cellular Biology
 - Connective Tissue
 - Membranes
 - Nervous System
 - Muscle
 - Circulation
 - Respiration
 - Renal
 - Oral Physiology
 - Digestion
 - Endocrines
- Microbiology and Pathology (20 items)
 - General Microbiology
 - Reactions of Tissue to Injury
 - Immunology and Immunopathology
 - Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology of Specific Infectious Diseases
 - Systemic Pathology
 - Growth Disturbances
- Dental Anatomy And Occlusion (20 Items)
 - Tooth Morphology
 - Pulp Cavity Morphology
 - Calcification and Eruption
 - Principles of Occlusion and Function
 - Clinical Considerations – Tooth Morphology and Anomalies

Clinical Sciences (80 Stand-Alone and Case-Based Items)

- Endodontics
- Operative Dentistry
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Pain Control
- Oral Diagnosis
- Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics (see note above)
- Pharmacology
- Prosthodontics
- Principles of Ethics
- Patient Management

Data, Research Interpretation, and Evidence-Based Dentistry (40 Items)

- Study Design
- Data Analysis
- Result Interpretation
- Inference and Implication

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND PREPARATION MATERIALS

DENTAL CHARTS

Some cases in this test involve dental charts. Below are samples of the types of dental charts used within the test.

ADULT CLINICAL EXAMINATION

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
R	Probe 1																
	Probe 2																
facial																	
palatal																	
R	Probe 1																
	Probe 2																
lingual																	
facial																	
		32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
R											
facial											
palatal											
R											
lingual											
facial											
		T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K

Current Oral Hygiene Status

1. _____

2. _____

Supplemental Oral Examination Findings

1. _____

2. _____

Clinically visible carious lesion

Clinically missing tooth

Furcation

"Through and through" furcation

Probe 1: initial probing depth

Probe 2: probing depth 1 month after scaling and root planing

ADULT CLINICAL EXAMINATION CHART

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
R																	
facial																	
palatal																	
R																	
lingual																	
facial																	
		32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17

Current Oral Hygiene Status

1. _____

2. _____

Supplemental Oral Examination Findings

1. _____

2. _____

LEGEND

Existing Restorations Not Charted

Fractured

Mobility I, II, III

Partially or Fully Impacted

Arrows indicate direction of impaction (mesial or distal)

Planned Extraction

Clinically visible carious lesion

Class I Furcation Grade*

Class II Furcation Grade*

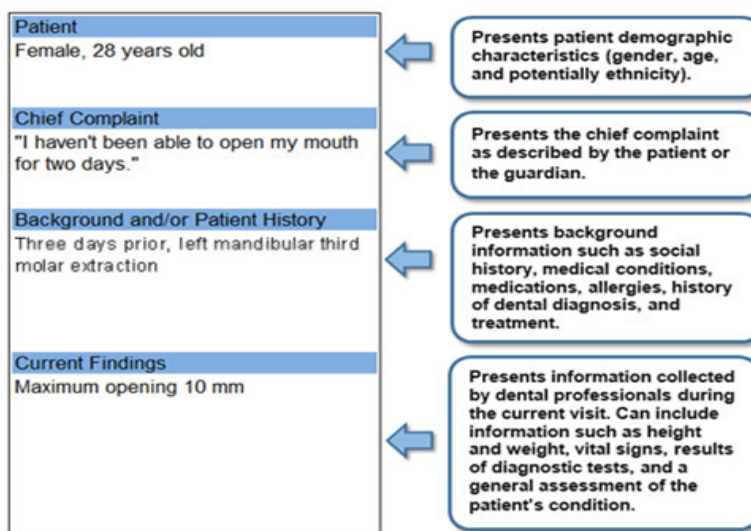
Class III Furcation Grade*

*Furcation grade (I/II) may be represented on the dental chart as numbers 1, 2, or 3 rather than shapes

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND PREPARATION MATERIALS

PATIENT BOX

Some questions in this test involve a Patient Box. The Patient Box presents information available to the dentist and dental hygienist at the time of the visit. If no information is presented in a given area of the Patient Box, assume the information is either unknown or is not available. For example, if no allergies are listed, assume the patient has no known allergies at the time of visit. Always consider information presented in the Patient Box when answering questions and pay close attention to all provided patient information.



TEST PREPARATION TUTORIAL

An ADAT practice test is offered to help candidates understand the types of questions that appear on the ADAT. It is available on the [Test Preparation and Use](#) page of the [ADA.org/ADAT](https://www.ada.org/ADAT) website. All practice questions are the copyrighted property of the American Dental Association. These practice questions are intended for the use of students and educators and may not be reproduced in any format, whether paper or electronic, without the expressed written permission of the ADA.

A [tutorial](#) is available which can help to acquaint you with the mechanics of taking the ADAT. The tutorial allows you to become familiar with the basic steps involved in proceeding through the test.

At the Pearson VUE test center, you can become familiar with the computer functions by taking a brief tutorial before beginning the test. During the test, candidates will be allowed to adjust the font size between normal font, 125%, and 150%. This option will be displayed in the upper right corner of the computer monitor through a dropdown box. The tutorial provides additional information concerning this feature.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF TEST MATERIALS

Test items represent confidential, copyrighted intellectual property. **Obtaining, using, or distributing test items is strictly prohibited regardless of the method employed (whether by memorization, recording, copying, or other means).** This prohibition includes the distribution or online posting of remembered test questions or answers, in whole or in part.

The use or sharing of current test content violates the Test Regulations and Rules of Conduct of this testing program. Such activities could provide an unfair advantage to individuals or groups of individuals and threaten the validity and credibility of the test. Since all ADAT items are copyrighted property of the American Dental Association, these prohibited activities also violate federal copyright laws.

The ADAT Program investigates all reports and allegations associated with the generation, misuse, or sharing of current test materials, and will pursue formal action against anyone who violates the Test Regulations or federal copyright law. Violations could result in the voiding of test results and legal action.

SCORING OF TEST

ADAT scores are calculated based on responses provided by candidates in conjunction with the known characteristics of questions that have been administered (e.g., question difficulty levels). Applicants are not penalized for guessing. The ADAT program employs sophisticated psychometric procedures to accurately and fairly evaluate candidate skills.

ADAT results are reported in terms of scale scores. These scale scores are not raw scores (i.e., the number of questions answered correctly). Using scale scores, it is possible to meaningfully compare the performance of one applicant with the performance of all applicants. Scores used in the testing program range from 200 to 800 with a target mean of 500.

The ADAT Program does not establish formal passing or failing scores.

Each administration includes questions that enable the ADAT Program to place different forms of the test on a common measurement scale, thereby adjusting the forms for differences in difficulty level. Because of this adjustment, scores have the same meaning regardless of the test form that was administered.

Some questions on the test are experimental and are not scored. The data collected on unscored questions may be used in later test construction procedures.

TEST VALIDITY AND SCORE RELIABILITY

Reliability and validity are two means by which users can evaluate how well a test is performing relative to its purpose.

Reliability refers to the degree to which test scores are free from random sources of measurement error.

Validity refers to the extent to which available evidence supports the interpretation and use of test results for their intended purpose. Validity evidence for the ADAT focuses on examination content, its representativeness, and the procedures to build that content, including the extensive involvement of highly qualified dental subject-matter experts.

The ADAT Program uses a number of procedures to help ensure tests are fair to all applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or regional background. The test construction process involves a review of questions to ensure they are not differentially familiar to any groups of individuals. Additionally, data are analyzed from a fairness perspective. Any questions that could appear differentially familiar are evaluated and, as appropriate, modified or removed.

SCORE REPORTS

ADAT results are reported electronically within three to four weeks of your test date. Test results are posted to the [My Account](#) page associated with your DENTPIN and sent to the advanced dental education programs selected on your ADAT application or in additional score report requests.

ADAT results are reported as scale scores. To assist with interpretation, the Score and Audit Information page at [ADA.org/ADAT](https://ada.org/ADAT) will be updated after the close of each annual ADAT testing window with a final report indicating scale scores and corresponding percentiles with respect to the candidate pool for that year.

After you have taken any part of the ADAT, the scores cannot be voided at your request. Falsification of score reports or misrepresentation of a score report could result in extensive penalties, including cancellation of the candidate's scores, the imposition of a mandatory wait period before the candidate can retest, or the possibility of a lifetime ban from the ADAT Program.

SCORE REPORTS (continued)

Results are reported electronically to the advanced dental education programs you selected on your ADAT application. Please keep a copy of your eligibility email as a record of the programs you requested. You can also review the programs you selected by logging into your [My Account](#) page and clicking “Display” next to your application. When you select results recipients, you grant the ADAT Program permission to release your results to those entities.

If you retest, a complete history of your testing attempts is reported. If you are a current student of a dental school accredited by the [Commission on Dental Accreditation \(CODA\)](#) at the time of application, you can request a report be sent to your dental school. There will be no additional charge if the request is made at the time of application.

If you request your results be sent to any advanced dental education program, your results also will be made available to the American Dental Education Association Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS). You must select at least one advanced dental education program as a results recipient to have your scores sent to ADEA PASS.

If your application has no advanced dental education programs selected, then you have not granted permission to release your results. Programs selected at the time of application are included in the ADAT fee, regardless of the number of programs selected.

Requests for additional reports must be submitted using the score report request process provided at [ADA.org/ADAT](#). Additional fees apply when sending reports to programs or other recipients not selected at the time of application (see the Testing Fees section of this Guide). Your ADAT application includes a list of potential results recipients. Once you have submitted your ADAT application, your list of designated recipients is considered final. The list cannot be edited or cancelled after it has been submitted.

Fees for additional requests are nonrefundable and nontransferable. DTS suggests you send official scores to each advanced dental education program you are considering applying to, even if you have not yet completed your applications to these programs.

SCORE IMPORTS

Your ADAT scores will be imported into your ADEA PASS application if you indicated that you wanted your ADAT scores sent to an advanced dental education program (either on your application or at a later time), and you have entered your DENTPIN® and date of birth correctly in your ADEA PASS application.

ADEA PASS will import the results into your application within one week of receipt.

SCORE REPORTS

Before official ADAT results are reported, the ADAT Program conducts a quality review to confirm their accuracy. This process also includes the review of test center reports regarding irregularities and violations of test regulations.

For a period of 30 days after your scores are made available, you can request an official audit of your ADAT scores. The ADAT Program will review your results. There is an additional charge for this service (see the Testing Fees section of this Guide), and the process can take six to eight weeks. The audit request form is available to download on [ADA.org/ADAT](#).

ADEA PASS APPLICATIONS

Official ADAT results will be released to ADEA PASS within three to four weeks of your test date. Once official ADAT results are received by ADEA PASS and matched by applicant DENTPIN®, they will be posted to the ADEA PASS application in 48 to 72 hours. Applicants can submit their ADEA PASS application before the official test results are received.

Applicants can check their application to confirm scores have been received by logging into the ADEA PASS application portal and selecting “Status.” In the Status area, official scores will be marked as received, along with information concerning confirmation of receipt for evaluations, dental school transcripts, and payments.

If you believe your score results should be posted but have not been, contact the ADAT Program to confirm results were sent. If it has been three days since the results were sent, please send a score search request email to passinfo@passweb.org. Make sure to include your ADEA PASS ID number, DENTPIN®, date of birth, the date the test was taken, and the date the ADAT Program released the score to ADEA PASS. Please note that ADEA PASS does not release detailed score information. ADEA PASS customer service will only confirm if scores have been received.

MY ADEA PASS APPLICATION STATUS	
EVALUATIONS	Complete: 0 Incomplete: 0
OFFICIAL DENTAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT	Received: 0 Not Received: 0
OFFICIAL ADAT	Received: 0
PAYMENTS	Received: 0 Not Received: 0

The ADAT Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.

To participate in the ADAT, a candidate must qualify through one of the following provisions:

Dental Student – Accredited U.S./Canadian Dental School

A student in a dental education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is eligible for examination when the dean of the dental school (or designee) confirms the student is in good standing and is in the process of actively applying for advanced dental education programs. The approval of the application by the dean (or designee) meets this requirement.

Visit the [CODA website](#) for a listing of accredited dental programs.

Dental Student – Nonaccredited Dental School

A dental student attending a nonaccredited dental school can also be eligible for examination. If the dental school is not CODA accredited, the student must submit a [Certification of Eligibility Form](#) completed by his or her school. The completed form must include the seal of the university and the signature of the dean or registrar.

The student must also request that an Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) report be sent directly to the ADAT Program as detailed in the section below, entitled “Dentist-Graduate of a Nonaccredited Dental School.”

Dentist – Graduate of Accredited U.S. or Canadian Dental School

A dentist who is an active, life, or retired member of the ADA at the time of application is eligible for examination without further documentation.

An affiliate ADA member or a nonmember must submit verification that he or she is a dentist. Such verification must be in the form of a letter of recommendation from one of the following:

1. The secretary of a board of dentistry of a United States licensing jurisdiction in which the individual is licensed or eligible for licensure as a dentist.
2. The dean or registrar of an accredited dental school from which the dentist graduated. Graduates of nonaccredited dental schools must have evidence of graduation verified and submitted as described below under “Dentist – Graduate of a Nonaccredited Dental School.
3. The dean, director, or registrar of a CODA- accredited advanced dental education program in which the dentist studied or is studying at the postgraduate level.
4. The dean of an accredited advanced dental education program to which the dentist is applying for admission with advanced standing. (Note: this establishes eligibility for ADAT only).

The letter must state the name of the school that granted the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree, the exact degree granted, and when it was granted.

Dentist – Graduate of a nonaccredited Dental School

The following provisions are required for the verification of educational credentials obtained from nonaccredited dental schools (i.e., schools not accredited by the CODA or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC). You must have official dental school transcripts verified by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE).

If you do not have a DENTPIN®, you must register for one through the [DENTPIN® homepage](#) prior to submitting an ECE report. The ADAT Program will discard ECE reports that cannot be matched to a DENTPIN® using candidate supplied name and date of birth.

ECE prepares evaluation reports that identify U.S. equivalents of educational qualifications earned in other countries. Contact the ECE at:

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 514070,
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3470
414.289.3400 or www.ece.org

1. Contact Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) and request a General Report. The ECE evaluation report request will describe what documents are required, the manner in which to submit them to ECE, and the applicable fee. To request an evaluation report, visit www.ece.org, select Start Your Evaluation Request, and request a General Report be sent to the ADAT Program.
2. Only official reports electronically transmitted from ECE Inc. to the ADAT Program will be accepted. Personal reports will not be accepted. The ADAT Program will not process the examination application before the ECE Evaluation Report is received.
3. The name on the ECE report must match the name on your application exactly. Any name changes must be accompanied by legal documentation.

ELIGIBILITY TO RETEST

Candidates are required to submit a new application and fee for each testing attempt. A testing attempt is defined as any test administration where the candidate has been seated at a computer at a test center and electronically agreed to the confidentiality statement to start the test.

Candidates who apply to retest must wait at least 45 days between testing attempts, and are limited to two testing attempts per calendar year.

Candidates who have taken the ADAT two or more times previously will be limited to one testing attempt per calendar year, and will need to submit evidence that they have actively applied to advanced dental education programs within the previous 18 months.

Acceptable forms of evidence include the following (candidates need to submit only one):

- Copy of a completed and submitted ADEA PASS application
- Letter of rejection from an advanced dental education program
- Letter on letterhead from an advanced dental education program encouraging you to retest
- Letter on letterhead from a college or university advisor or instructor verifying you are applying to advanced dental education programs.

PARTIAL TESTING

Partial testing is not permitted. Applicants are required to take all three sections of the ADAT. The lowest possible score (a score of 200) is reported for any assigned test not taken. Individuals unable to complete the ADAT must submit a new application and fee in order to retest.

TEST CENTERS

The ADAT is administered [by Pearson VUE](#) at test centers in the United States, its territories (including Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands), and in Canada.

After your application is processed, the ADAT Program will send an email to you with testing appointment scheduling instructions. Concurrently, Pearson VUE will also receive notification of your eligibility for ADAT testing.

After you receive eligibility information, you may then call 888.456.2830 or visit [Pearson VUE](#) online

ADAT TESTING DATES	
March 1, 2019	Testing begins (first day of administration)
August 31, 2019	Testing closes (last day of administration)

ADAT TESTING SCHEDULE	
Tutorial	15 minutes
Biomedical Sciences (80 items)	95 minutes
Break (optional)	10 minutes
Clinical Sciences (80 items)	90 minutes
Break (optional)	10 minutes
Data, Research Interpretation, and Evidence-Based Dentistry (40 items)	45 minutes
Post Test Survey (optional)	5 minutes
Total Time	4 hours 30 minutes
Time permitting, candidates will be prompted to review their answers in each section before beginning a break or moving on to the next section. Once a candidate has begun a break, he or she will not be allowed to return to the previous section to view questions and change answers.	

OBTAIN A DENTPIN® AND APPLY TO TEST

Before you can apply to take the ADAT or apply for admission to an advanced dental education program, you must obtain a Dental Personal Identification Number (DENTPIN®) from the ADAT website. If you have taken the Dental Admission Test (DAT), the National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Part I or the NBDE Part II, a DENTPIN® already exists for you. You can retrieve or register for your DENTPIN® at [ADA.org/DENTPIN](#).

Once you have a DENTPIN® you may submit an ADAT application at [ADA.org/ADAT](#). A new application and fee must be submitted each time you wish to take the ADAT. If you meet the eligibility requirements for testing, your application will be processed. This processing takes place Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

The successful processing of your paid application enables you to complete one ADAT administration during the current annual testing cycle. If you do not schedule a testing appointment or take the ADAT during the cycle, you will have to submit a new application and fee in order to take the test.

All information you provide on your application must be accurate. You must use your legal name. When including a middle name, use either your full middle name or your middle initial.

If the name on your ADAT application and your IDs does not match exactly, you will be denied admission to test. As a result, you will forfeit your testing appointment and application fee. You will be required to submit a new application and fee to take the examination at another time.

PRIVACY AND SECURITY

The ADA Department of Testing Services uses commercially reasonable methods to secure and protect confidential information.

The ADAT Program collects and retains personal information for activities such as administering the ADAT, fulfilling departmental responsibilities, maintaining the integrity of the test, detecting and preventing unlawful activity, and fulfilling legal requirements. The ADAT Program may retain ADAT results indefinitely, along with testing records and corresponding personal data.

When applying to take the test, you will be required to execute a written release and consent to the collection of your fingerprints. Palm vein scans are collected for purposes of verifying identity and detecting and preventing unlawful activity; this data is securely stored.

Records of your individual scores are released to education programs or other entities with your written authorization or designation by electronic means, through the examination application or through score report requests. Scores will not be reported to you by telephone, fax, email, or in person.

The ADAT Program uses test data for research purposes and to enhance the testing program. In such instances, the data are confidential and individual candidates are not identified in published results.

The ADAT Program uses data security procedures to protect the integrity of personal and test information. Security safeguards include administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for data and data processing systems. For additional information, please refer to the ADA.org Privacy Notice and the ADA.org Terms of Use.

By registering for the test, you consent to the collection, processing, use, and transmission of your personal information, including fingerprints, in accordance with the statements outlined in this Guide. If you enroll in an advanced dental education program, by taking this examination you agree to permit information about your program performance (e.g., grades) to be provided by your program to the ADA Department of Testing Services. This information may be used in conjunction with your test scores in research studies assessing the performance of this examination.

SCHEDULE A TESTING APPOINTMENT

After your application is processed, you will receive an email with instructions to schedule a testing appointment. Concurrently, Pearson VUE will also receive a notification of your eligibility for ADAT testing. Pearson VUE will not schedule your appointment before receiving and processing authorization from DTS.

To allow adequate time for Pearson VUE to receive your eligibility information, please wait 24 hours after receipt of your eligibility email before attempting to schedule a testing appointment.

After you receive eligibility information, you may then schedule an appointment directly with Pearson VUE, either by calling 888.456.2830 or visiting Pearson VUE's website.

RESCHEDULE OR CANCEL A TESTING APPOINTMENT

If you wish to reschedule a testing appointment, please contact [Pearson VUE](#) or call 888.456.2830; additional fees apply (see the Testing Fees section of this guide). The local test center cannot schedule, reschedule, or cancel your appointment.

NO SHOW POLICY

If you do not appear for your scheduled testing appointment and do not cancel or reschedule your appointment in advance of the test date, you will forfeit all testing fees. You will be required to submit a new application and fee to schedule a new appointment. Be sure that you receive a confirmation notification when rescheduling your testing appointment. Retain a copy of this confirmation for your records.

EMERGENCIES ON THE DAY OF THE TESTING APPOINTMENT

If an emergency on the day of the testing appointment prevents you from taking the test, you can submit a written request for relief to the ADAT Program. This request should include applicable documentation and be sent to testingproblems@ada.org within five business days of the appointment.

Examples of emergencies and applicable documentation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sudden illness on the test day: Provide a doctor's note or hospital records confirming you were treated on the day of the test.
- Death in the family on the test day: Provide a copy of an obituary, program from funeral service, or death certificate confirming that the relative passed away or services were held on the day of the test.

TESTING PROBLEMS ON THE DAY OF THE TESTING APPOINTMENT

If you experience problems with testing conditions during administration of the exam, you must stop testing and notify the test center administrator immediately.

Testing should not be resumed until the issue has been documented and resolved by the test center administrator. Unresolved concerns must be submitted in writing within five business days of the testing appointment to testingproblems@ada.org.

Upon receipt of the information, the ADAT Program will conduct an investigation and notify you of the outcome. Candidates with documented, unresolved testing issues may be offered the opportunity to retest within 30 days.

Scores cannot be canceled or adjusted under any circumstances.

Reschedule or Cancel a Testing Appointment: Emergencies, Testing Problems, and No Shows

Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. The following indicates the ADAT 2019 testing fees:

Fee Type	Description	Fee Amount
ADAT Fee	This fee includes administration and official score reporting to all of the advanced dental education programs you have selected at the time of application, and official score reporting to the CODA accredited dental school in which you are currently enrolled. All intended score recipients—including your dental school—must be indicated on the application or additional score report fees will apply.	\$380
Score Report Fee (optional)	This fee covers score report requests made after the time of application. There is no additional charge for score report requests received at the time of application.	\$40 per report
Fee for Candidates of Nonaccredited Dental Schools	Candidates who are students or graduates of dental schools not accredited by CODA must pay this processing fee.	\$210
Score Audit Fee (optional)	For a period of 30 days after scores are posted to My Account , you can request the ADAT Program conduct an audit of your ADAT scores for a fee.	\$65
Rescheduling Fee	Candidates can reschedule testing appointments for a fee if notice is received at least one full business day (24 hours) before the appointment and within the authorized eligibility period.	\$25

PARTIAL FEE WAIVER

A limited number of partial fee waivers per calendar year (January-December) are available to ADAT candidates, in cases of severe financial hardship. The waiver covers 50% of the ADAT fee, which includes the fee for the test and any official score reports requested at the time of application. The waiver does not apply to any charges associated with rescheduling or score reporting after the time of initial application.

Fee waivers are granted on a first-come, first-served basis at the beginning of each calendar year to eligible candidates who have submitted the required documents. Fee waivers will be granted beginning on January 1.

The ADAT Program will review all fee waiver requests and make final decisions regarding fee waivers. Candidates must have a DENTPIN® prior to submitting a fee waiver request.

Candidates are eligible for a partial fee waiver if it is their first time taking the ADAT and there is demonstrated financial hardship.

Applicants who have previously received a fee waiver or who have already taken the ADAT are not eligible.

The fee waiver financial information form is available on [ADA.org/ADAT](https://ada.org/ADAT) when fee waivers are available.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS

The ADAT Program provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with documented disabilities or a medical condition who demonstrate a need for accommodations and request accommodations prior to testing.

For more information on accommodations and an explanation of how to request testing accommodations consult the ADAT Accommodations Request Form under [Apply to Take the ADAT](#) on [ADA.org/ADAT](https://ada.org/ADAT).

An individual is considered to have a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment. Major life activities include seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, and working.

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS (continued)

After you receive eligibility information, you may then call 888.456.2830 or visit [Pearson VUE](#) to schedule an appointment. You may also search for a test center at your convenience.

English as a second language, test anxiety, slow reading without an identified underlying physical or mental deficit, or failure to achieve a desired outcome are not generally covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Testing accommodations are offered to those with a qualified disability or medical condition. **Candidates must request testing accommodations with each application**, but will not be required to submit additional documentation for the same disability or condition with subsequent retests.

Candidates requesting the same accommodations offered previously by the Department of Testing Services need only submit the testing accommodations form found under “Apply to Take the ADAT.”

Information concerning testing accommodations will not be shared outside of the Department of Testing Services and the test center, and will not be indicated on test scores reported to advanced dental education programs or additional recipients.

In considering a request from a candidate with a disability, the ADAT Program is guided by a focus on validity. Testing accommodations are provided so all candidates have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, and so that measurement through testing can accurately reflect knowledge and skills, as opposed to having measurement inappropriately reflect a disability.

REQUEST FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS AND APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation will be used to help determine whether a candidate qualifies for accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or as a result of a medical condition.

The ADAT Program requires a complete evaluation of the candidate, as well as a completed and signed Testing Accommodations Request Form. A health care professional appropriately qualified to evaluate the disability or medical condition must conduct the evaluation.

If you have a documented disability recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act or a medical condition and require testing accommodations, you must submit the following prior to testing: an application to test, the testing accommodations request form, and the supporting documentation. **Your submission is not complete until you have provided all three components.**

To receive testing accommodations, schedule a testing appointment after a decision has been made concerning your request for testing accommodations. **Testing accommodations cannot be added to a previously scheduled testing appointment. If you schedule a testing appointment before the ADAT Program has approved the testing accommodations, you will be required to cancel the appointment and pay a cancellation fee.**

Procedures for submitting a testing accommodations request are as follows:

- When submitting your ADAT application, select 'Yes' from the dropdown box on the application requesting testing accommodations. You must receive your eligibility email (with approved accommodations) before you can schedule a testing appointment.
- Submit the following documents to testingaccommodations@ada.org.
 - Testing Accommodations Request Form, which can be found on the "Apply to Take the ADAT" page on the [ADA.org/ADAT](https://ada.org/ADAT) website. This form must be signed and dated, indicating the disability or medical condition and the request for accommodations. Accommodations should align with the identified functional limitation, so the adjustment to the testing procedure is appropriate.
 - Current evaluation report, from within the past five years, from an appropriate health care professional. The document must be on official letterhead and must include the professional's credentials, signature, address, and telephone number. The report must indicate the candidate's name, date of birth, and the date of evaluation. The report should include:
 - Information concerning the specific diagnostic procedures or tests administered. Diagnostic methods used should be appropriate to the disability or medical condition and in alignment with current professional protocol.
 - The results of the diagnostic procedures or tests and a comprehensive interpretation of the results.
 - The specific diagnosis of the disability or medical condition, with an accompanying description of the candidate's limitations due to the disability or medical condition.
 - Documentation of any previous accommodations provided by educational institutions or other testing agencies. If no prior accommodations were provided, the licensed professional should include a detailed explanation as to why no accommodations were given in the past and why accommodations are needed now.

Unacceptable Forms of Documentation

Please do not submit the following documents as they will not be accepted:

- Handwritten letters from health care professionals
- Handwritten patient records or notes from patient charts
- Diagnoses on prescription pads
- Self-evaluations
- Research articles
- Original documents (submit copies only)
- Previous correspondence to the JCNDE or the Department of Testing Services; we maintain copies of all correspondence
- Correspondence from educational institutions or testing agencies not directly addressed to the JCNDE

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RULES OF CONDUCT

Under the auspices of the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL), the ADAT Program has established rules that govern the administration of the ADAT to ensure that test results accurately reflect candidates' skills and that no candidate receives an unfair advantage.

Test Regulations and Rules of Conduct help preserve the integrity of the testing process and provide standardized test administration conditions that support accurate skills measurement.

Accessing test content prior to testing, breaching the confidentiality of test content, or any attempt to subvert the testing process represent violations of test regulations. Conduct occurring before, during, or after testing that violates the Test Regulations and Rules of Conduct could result in the invalidation of testing results and other penalties.

You must be truthful in completing the application and must abide by all instructions regarding testing conduct.

Failure to comply with the Test Regulations and Rules of Conduct could result in a determination of the presence of an irregularity, and your test results could consequently be voided. If your results are voided as a result of an irregularity, you could be prohibited from testing for a specified time period or, in egregious cases, from retesting at all. Additionally, you could face civil or criminal prosecution.

By applying for the ADAT, you agree to abide by the following Rules of Conduct:

1. You certify that you are the person who has registered for the test to gain admission to an advanced dental education program. You may not take the test for someone else, someone else may not take the test for you, nor may you take the test for any reason other than for the purpose of gaining admission to an advanced dental education program. **You may not take the test to practice or to obtain an advance review of test content.**
2. You will not give, receive, or obtain any form of unauthorized assistance prior to the test, during the test (e.g. in the testing room or when on a break), or subsequent to the test.
3. You will maintain the confidentiality of test content at all times. You will not reproduce or attempt to reproduce test materials through memorization, recording, or other means. You will not provide information relating to current test content that might affect the ADAT's ability to accurately assess candidates' skills, or that might provide an unfair advantage to candidates. **For example, you will neither make use of nor participate in the sharing or distribution of information regarding test content or answers (via electronic means or otherwise).**
4. You will not bring any unauthorized materials, as listed in the Test Regulations and Prohibited Conduct section of this Guide, into the secure testing area. All unauthorized materials must be placed in your assigned locker and may not be accessed while you are testing.
5. You will not remove information about the test (written, printed, recorded, or other) from the test center.
6. You will comply with test center policies and procedures. You will not create a disturbance in the testing center.
7. You will not tamper with the computer testing equipment and facilities.
8. You will cooperate fully with any investigations involving test irregularities. You agree to have your test analyzed to detect aberrances.
9. The ADAT is a secure examination protected by U.S. copyright laws. Any unauthorized disclosure of the test's contents could result in civil liability, criminal penalties, voiding of test results, or other appropriate penalties.

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You may not disclose any test content (in whole or in part) before, during, or after the test to anyone, including but not limited to family, friends, classmates, colleagues, or test preparation organizations. This applies to any content disclosed through discussions, emails, in writing, online (e.g., blogs, social media, websites), or otherwise.

Candidates who receive unreleased test content should immediately forward it to testsecurity@ada.org without reviewing it. Candidates who have been found to be in possession of such information—or to have participated in the distribution of this information—may have their test results voided. Penalties could be imposed subsequent to discovery and investigation of the original incident, which could occur years after the incident itself.

You are encouraged to report activities that disclose information about test content so that the ADAT Program can investigate and take necessary action. Report such activity to the ADAT Program at testsecurity@ada.org.

TEST CENTER PROCEDURES

Report to the test center at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. If you report late, you might not be allowed to take the test, depending on the time of your arrival and the scheduling of other testing appointments. Pearson VUE test center administrators will determine whether there is sufficient time and space to administer the test.

If you arrive late and the test center cannot seat you, you will forfeit your test fee and must submit a new application and fee.

In cases of inclement weather, a natural disaster, or other local conditions that could cause unavoidable interruptions to testing, Pearson VUE will make reasonable efforts to notify you and reschedule your testing appointment.

You are expected to understand and comply with the Pearson VUE test center regulations. You can review test center information at the [Pearson VUE website](#).

When you arrive at the Pearson VUE test center to take the test, two original, current (not expired) forms of identification (ID) – one primary and one secondary – will be required.

An expired ID that is accompanied by temporary identification or documentation that a new, valid ID has been requested WILL NOT be accepted.

The primary ID must be a government-issued ID, with your photograph, name, and signature. A government ID missing a photograph, name, or signature is unacceptable. Examples of acceptable primary IDs are a driver's license, or a passport, or a passport card. All IDs, with the exception of passports, must be in English.

The secondary ID must contain your name and signature. Examples of secondary IDs are a debit card, library card, or a credit card, etc.

The name on your IDs must match exactly the name you entered on your ADAT application. If the names on your IDs and your ADAT application do not match exactly, you will be denied admission to testing, and you will forfeit your scheduled testing appointment and your application fee. You will be required to submit a new application and fee to test.

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TEST CENTER PROCEDURES (continued)

If you are including a middle name, either the full name or initial is acceptable.

If you have a name change request, use the [DENTPIN® Form](#) available online at [ADA.org](#), and email the request to dentpin@ada.org with appropriate documentation. Address the email to the attention of ADAT Name Change Request. Such requests must be received at least five business days prior to your test appointment, and must be sent via email to dentpin@ada.org. Include your DENTPIN®, a copy of your government issued photo ID, and a copy of the legal name change documents such as a marriage license or court documents.

If you have any questions concerning the types of acceptable identification, please call the Department of Testing Services at 800.232.1694.

The Pearson VUE test center will electronically capture the identity of each candidate by means of a palm vein print and a photograph before candidates can proceed with testing. Electronic capture of this biometric data allows for easier and quicker return to testing after breaks. Biometric and other identification information will be retained by Pearson VUE and will be made available for identity verification at potential future test administrations related to dental education and licensure.

Additionally, the test center will visually inspect eyeglasses and hair accessories for cameras as part of the check-in process. Jewelry, except for wedding and engagement rings, is prohibited. You can view the Pearson VUE check-in procedures on the [Pearson VUE website](#).

You will have an opportunity to become familiar with the operation of the testing computer by taking a brief tutorial before the beginning the actual test.

You will be observed at all times while testing. This observation will include test center staff walking through the secure testing lab, as well as video recording of your test session. Test center staff are required to report behavior that might be a violation of the rules and regulations.

Test center staff are not authorized to answer questions from candidates regarding test content, test software, or scoring.

The test administrator is responsible for the operation of the test facility, maintaining order, and administering the tests according to established procedures. The test center administrator is authorized to dismiss candidates from a testing session for violating the rules or regulations.

If you experience problems with testing conditions, stop testing and notify a test administrator immediately. **Do not proceed with testing unless the problem is resolved.**

Unresolved concerns should be submitted to testingproblems@ada.org within five business days of your testing appointment.

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TEST REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The Test Regulations are in place to ensure test results can be interpreted with confidence as an accurate reflection of candidates' skills. This is particularly important given the role of the test in helping to understand the cognitive skills and aptitude of individuals seeking to become health professionals. Violations of the Test Regulations undermine the test's ability to accurately assess candidates' skills and fulfill the purpose of the test. As a result, the ADAT Program treats violations extremely seriously.

You must comply with the Test Regulations, Rules of Conduct, and test center procedures. They preserve the integrity of the testing process, and provide standardized testing conditions that help to ensure no candidate receives an unfair advantage on the test.

It is your personal responsibility to understand and comply with the Test Regulations indicated in this Guide.

Test administrators at test center facilities work with a large number of testing programs covering many fields and occupations. Each of those programs has adopted its own Test Regulations and corresponding Rules of Conduct. If you are unsure of what would be considered appropriate and inappropriate (i.e., prohibited) conduct during test administration, please seek clarification from the ADAT Program in advance of testing. **The ADAT Program bears no responsibility for inaccurate information or inappropriate permissions received from test center administrators. If a candidate's conduct is determined to violate the terms set forth in this Guide, the ADAT Program will act to strictly enforce its policies and procedures.**

- No personal items are permitted in the secure testing area. Any personal belongings brought to the test center must be stored in a designated locker; storage is limited. Your personal belongings might be inspected. Notes or any materials accessed during testing, or during an unscheduled break, could be confiscated.

Accessing personal belongings or your locker during an unscheduled break violates Test Regulations. Test administrators are NOT authorized to provide you with permission to access personal belongings or your locker during an unscheduled break.

- Items that are prohibited from the secure testing area include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Books, notes, study materials, scratch paper, tissues, markers, personal earplugs, and headphones not provided by the testing center
 - Dental instruments, models, and materials
 - Slide rules, paper, calculating devices, rulers, and other measuring devices
 - Electronic devices such as cell phones, recording devices, iPods, tablets, and headsets
 - Tote bags, purses, wallets, backpacks, and briefcases
 - Highlighters, pens, erasers, pencils, dictionaries, and translators
 - Food, candy, gum, water, and other beverages
 - Outerwear such as coats, jackets, gloves, and head coverings (except for religious purposes)
 - Good luck charms, statues, religious or spiritual items, and similar objects
 - Medicinal items (except those items approved in advance under testing accommodations)
 - Watches (digital, analog, or smart) and timing devices (a timer is provided on the computer screen during the test)
 - Magnifying devices
 - Jewelry (except for wedding and engagement rings)

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- The test center will provide a booklet and two low-odor fine tip markers during the test. **Used booklets will be replaced by test center staff upon request.** Scratch paper, pencils, and markers not furnished by the testing center are prohibited.

You may not write on the note boards before the test begins or during scheduled breaks. The note boards should not be used as measuring devices and should not be folded, bent, distorted, erased, or modified in any manner. You may not remove the note boards from the secure testing area. You may not use the markers on any surface other than the note boards. You may not touch the monitor during testing. All items provided must be returned to the test administrator before leaving the test center.

- Do not engage in conversation with others during testing or while on an unscheduled break. You are strictly prohibited from discussing the test.
- Test center administrators will report the activity of candidates who take unscheduled breaks.

During an unscheduled break, you may NOT access personal belongings or prohibited items, study or refer to notes or texts, use a telephone, eat or drink any food or beverages, or leave the test center. Test administrators are not authorized to provide you with permission to engage in these activities.

- Although the test is administered under strict supervision and security, testing irregularities sometimes occur. Test results could be voided based upon a breach of test security, invalid testing conditions, or candidate violations of the Test Regulations, Rules of Conduct, or test center procedures as described in this Guide.

If irregularities are detected during the test, or evidence of irregular behavior is disclosed when the test is scored or afterward, those involved will have their test results voided and face appropriate penalties.

If you think you might require any medicinal items during the testing session (such as aspirin or ibuprofen), you must receive permission from the ADAT Program in advance of the testing session. This permission is obtained by following the ADAT Program's testing accommodations procedures.

Failure to comply with the Test Regulations, Rules of Conduct, and test center procedures could result in a determination of the presence of an irregularity, and your test results could be withheld, canceled, considered invalid, or another appropriate penalty could be imposed. You might also be directed to leave the test center before you have completed the test. If your results are withheld or invalidated, or you are otherwise penalized as the result of an irregularity, you could be prohibited from testing and/or other appropriate penalties.

EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES AND MISCONDUCT

The ADAT Program strives to report results that accurately reflect the skill and knowledge of each candidate. The standards and procedures for administering each test are intended to provide each candidate a comparable opportunity to demonstrate his or her abilities, and to prevent any candidate from gaining an unfair advantage over others.

REASONS FOR WITHHOLDING, VOIDING OR INVALIDATING SCORES

The ADAT Program reserves the right to withhold, void, or invalidate any result when, in the Program's judgment, it is reasonable to question the validity of the result. Reasons for withholding, voiding, or invalidating results, or for imposing other appropriate penalties, could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Unusual answer patterns
- Atypical score increases from one testing attempt to another
- Discrepancy in, or falsification of, a candidate's identification
- Information indicating a candidate has engaged in misconduct or a violation of the Test Regulations, Rules of Conduct, or test center procedures
- Sharing of remembered test questions or answers. This includes sharing through social media platforms, online discussion forums, or other means
- Taking a test on behalf of another individual, or having another individual take a test on your behalf
- Falsification of application information or supporting documents
- Falsification of the candidate's score report
- Inconsistent performance on different sections of the test from one testing attempt to another
- Improper access to secure test content
- Indication a test administration irregularity has occurred
- Any other information indicating results might not be valid.

CANDIDATE NOTIFICATION AND APPEAL PROCESS

When the ADAT Program voids or invalidates test results, it notifies the candidate in writing. This notice includes information about the decision and the procedure for appeal. Results will remain voided until the appeal process has been completed, or the time for appeal has expired.

When the ADAT Program voids a previously reported result, it notifies score report recipients that the result has been voided.

CONSEQUENCE OF IRREGULARITY

If it is determined a candidate has engaged in irregular behavior, information regarding this determination becomes a part of the candidate's ADAT record. At its sole discretion, the ADAT Program may elect to send a summary report documenting the incident to legitimately interested parties. This would include all parties to whom you have instructed results be sent (both currently and in the future).

In situations where an irregularity has occurred, individuals who are involved or implicated with respect to the occurrence of the irregularity, or who are reasonably believed to have witnessed the irregularity, could be asked and may be required to provide information concerning the irregularity.

The ADAT Program reserves the right to pursue other remedies, including prosecution of anyone whose conduct unlawfully undermines the security of the ADAT or the integrity of the testing process.

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EXAMINATION REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT (continued)

An irregularity is defined as a situation in which there is a question about the validity of test results in accurately reflecting the ability and skills of a candidate.

For example, such questions could be raised when:

- there is communication between candidates during the testing session.
- unauthorized assistance occurs.
- candidates have inappropriate access to current test content (e.g. remembered test questions or answers are shared by email, online posting or other means).
- conduct prohibited by the Test Regulations, Rules of Conduct, or test center procedures occurs, or test administration disruptions are present, including natural disasters and other emergencies.

When an irregularity is identified, results for the candidate(s) involved will be voided pending resolution of the corresponding appeal(s). If an appeal is denied or no appeal is filed, the results of the candidate(s) involved could remain voided and/or other appropriate remedies imposed.

Candidates whose results are subject to being voided are notified by written correspondence and provided with a copy of the Advanced Dental Admission Test Appeal Process. **Appeals must be submitted in writing within 30 days of notification of the irregularity. Appeals must clearly state the specific relief being requested and include corresponding arguments, evidence, and documentation in support of their request.**

The candidate will be notified of the appeal decision approximately 60 days after receipt of the appeal.

When considering an appeal, the ADAT Program strives to ensure that test results accurately reflect candidates' skills, and that all candidates have an opportunity to demonstrate their ability and potential for success in advanced dental education programs that is equal to, but not greater than, the opportunity provided to other candidates.

The ADAT Program will void ADAT results when there is a reasonable and good faith basis to do so. If the ADAT Program determines that voiding results is not warranted under the circumstances, the results will be released.

Candidates should be aware that the ADAT Program considers irregularities, other than natural disasters and emergencies beyond the control of the candidate, to be a serious breach of the testing process.

The ADAT Program strives to handle irregularities and their investigation in a professional, fair, and objective manner. The ADAT Program strives to handle irregularities in a confidential manner.

Candidates should be aware that reports of irregularities may have consequences beyond the voiding of scores or other appropriate penalties, if information regarding the irregularities is brought to the attention of school authorities, regulatory agencies, or other entities by other sources, or if information surfaces within the context of an investigation into the irregularity.

Candidates are encouraged to report suspicious activity or observations of violations of Testing Regulations to the ADAT Program at testsecurity@ada.org.

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ARBITRATION REQUIREMENT

Arbitration has become an increasingly common way to resolve legal differences. Generally speaking, the advantages of arbitration over traditional lawsuits are that arbitration is less expensive and issues are resolved in less time. If a candidate wishes to pursue a dispute that has not been resolved by the appeal process mentioned above and detailed in the Limited Right of Appeal for Examination Candidates, the candidate must use the procedure described in the following Agreement to Arbitrate.

AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE

1. In the event that any legal dispute arises between you and the American Dental Association in connection with your participation in the Advanced Dental Admission Test where that dispute is not resolved by the appeals process detailed in the ADAT Guide and elsewhere, you agree that the exclusive means for resolving the dispute shall be Binding Arbitration as described by the terms of this Agreement. This means that you waive the rights you may have to resolve the dispute in a court of law, or by any other means that might otherwise be available to you.
2. The American Dental Association (“ADA”) agrees to be similarly bound except that the ADA reserves its full rights to pursue injunctive and other appropriate relief in any state or federal court in cases of unfair competition or violations of, or threats to violate, any intellectual property rights of the ADA. With respect to any action filed by the ADA pursuant to this paragraph 2, you consent to submit to the jurisdiction of the state or federal court in which the ADA seeks relief.
3. Arbitration proceedings initiated pursuant to this Agreement to Arbitrate shall be conducted in accordance with the then current Consumer Arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association. The Arbitration and any proceedings relating to it shall be held in Chicago, Illinois. The arbitrator’s award shall be binding and may be entered as a judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction. Information about the American Arbitration Association, its rules, and its forms are available from the American Arbitration Association, 335 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017-4605.
4. In the event of Arbitration, the parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys’ fees associated with the Arbitration proceedings, unless the arbitrator directs one of the parties to pay the other’s costs or attorneys’ fees, or both.
5. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Arbitration brought pursuant to this Agreement shall be joined to any Arbitration involving any other party whether through “Class Arbitration” proceedings or otherwise.
6. This Agreement is part of the Application to take the Advanced Dental Admission Test. Your assent to be bound by it is a requirement for taking the test, but you can only sit for the test if you also fulfill all other conditions imposed by the American Dental Association.