

National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards

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Areas of Responsibility as Set Forth in the *Bylaws or Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association*

As stated in Chapter IX, Section 30.D. of the *ADA Bylaws*, the duties of the National Commission shall be to:

- a. Formulate and adopt procedures for the recognition of specialties and specialty certifying boards in accord with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialties*.
- b. Grant or deny specialty recognition to specialty organizations and specialty certifying boards seeking recognition in accord with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialties*.
- c. Provide a means for sponsoring organizations and certifying boards to appeal an adverse recognition decision.
- d. Submit an annual report to the House of Delegates of this Association and interim reports on request.
- e. Submit the National Commission's annual budget to the Board of Trustees of the Association.

Advancing ADA Strategic Goals and Objectives: Agency Programs, Projects, Results and Success Measures

The National Commission is a commission with independent authority to recognize dental specialties and their respective certifying boards. The National Commission determines its own strategic goals and objectives. For 2022, the National Commission goals and objectives are as follows:

Objective 1: Implementation of second phase of the National Commission’s Communication Plan including the development of the remaining five (5) educational presentations for communities of interest.

Initiative/Program: National Commission

Success Measure: Second phase of the National Commission’s Communication Plan is fully implemented and posted on the National Commission website by December 31, 2022.

Target: Successful implementation and completion of the second phase of the National Commission’s Communication Plan and second half of the National Commission’s educational series to be posted on the National Commission’s website.

Range: Completion by December 31, 2022.

Outcome: National Commission’s communities of interest and the public have a better understanding of the purpose of the National Commission and specialty recognition in general.

Objective 2: Development of in-depth training modules for incoming Commissioners to aid in preserving the historical knowledge of the National Commission.

Initiative/Program: National Commission

Success Measure: Successful presentation of in-depth training modules to incoming Commissioners by December 31, 2022. Incoming Commissioners all “pass” an exit exam after completing modules.

Target: Successful completion of in-depth training modules for in-coming Commissioners to aid in preserving the historical knowledge of the National Commission.

Range: Completion by December 31, 2022.

Outcome: Training modules thoroughly orient new Commissioners to their roles and responsibilities on the Board of Commissioners. National Commission Communication and Technology Committee will meet periodically throughout the year to monitor content and progress on the completion of the in-depth training session to be conducted by December 31, 2022.

Objective 3: Develop internal review grids for the Applications for Recognition, Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice, and the Annual Surveys of the Recognized Certifying Boards to aid in reviewing the documentation.

Initiative/Program: National Commission

Success Measure: Completion of internal review grids for the Applications for Recognition, Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice, and the Annual Surveys of the Recognized Certifying Boards by December 31, 2022.

Target: Successful completion of internal review grids for the Applications for Recognition, Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice, and the Annual Surveys of the Recognized Certifying Boards to assist the Review Committees and Board of Commissioners in reviewing the documentation.

Range: Completion by December 31, 2022.

Outcome: Review Committees of the National Commission are able to utilize the review grids effectively to aid in their deliberative process.

Emerging Issues and Trends

The National Commission continues to monitor trends in specialty recognition occurring in other health-related professions and continues to investigate whether sub-specialty recognition would be appropriate for the dental profession. The National Commission completed the Periodic Review of Dental Specialties in 2021, with emerging issues and trends in each of the 12 recognized specialties available for review on the National Commission's website. The National Commission determined, through the Periodic Review process, that each of the 12 recognized dental specialties continue to meet all of the *Requirements for Recognition*. In addition, the National Commission conducts an Annual Survey of Recognized Certifying Boards, with emerging issues and trends in each of the 12 recognized certifying boards available for review on the National Commission's website.

Responses to House of Delegates Resolutions

There were no House of Delegates resolutions directed at the National Commission in 2021.

Self-Assessment

The National Commission is next scheduled to conduct a self-assessment in 2023.

Policy Review

The National Commission currently oversees the recognition of the 12 dental specialties and their respective certifying boards. The National Commission implemented its own policies and procedures related to specialty recognition in 2018. A three (3) year review of individual National Commission policies was adopted as part of the strategic plan. The National Commission adopts new and revised policies as part of its regular, annual meeting agenda, which was held on March 28-29, 2022. There are currently no ADA policies related to the National Commission that the National Commission has been charged with reviewing in accord with Resolution 170H-2012, Regular Comprehensive Policy Review.

Commission Minutes

For more information on recent activities, see the National Commission's [minutes](#) on ADA.org.