

Unofficial Report of Major Actions
Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
April 14, 2010

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations met at the American Dental Association Headquarters on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13-14, 2010, and took the following actions.

1. Approved the 2011 budget proposal, including increases in the 2011 application fees.
2. Approved continuing established policies and procedures for granting permission for use of the JCNDE/ADA intellectual property by dental and dental hygiene educational programs, ASDA, and Brown and Herbranson, and approved the use of Case Development and Item Development Guides by dental schools for faculty development.
3. Approved the appointment of an ad hoc committee to investigate the development of a mock examination for candidates to take as a practice examination. The funding would be incorporated into the Research and Development budget.
4. Adopted revisions to the *Examination Regulations*. Many of the proposed revisions reflect changes related to the discontinuation of the print-based NBDHE, while other changes are related to the elimination of partial testing on the Part I examination.
5. Approved the retention and use of generic and trade names for prescription medications on the National Board Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations.
6. Approved the methodology and findings of the practice analysis conducted in support of the validity of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, and adopted the Dental Hygiene specifications in accordance with the findings. These revised specifications take effect in 2011. Also, adopted a resolution that practice analysis survey samples should consist of candidates who have been licensed within the last five years for all future validity studies on the Dental Hygiene Examination.
7. Approved a change in the dental hygiene test specifications and construction protocol so that the numbers of items assigned to the major categories and subcategories of the test specifications are guides. These numbers will be removing from the published Guide. Only the primary content topic area number will be provided.
8. Approved the reappointment of Dental and Dental Hygiene examination test constructors and the appointment of primary and alternate test constructors for the Dental and Dental Hygiene examination for 2011.
9. Approved of a change in the test construction protocol for dental examinations such that the number of items in major discipline categories of the test

- specifications be required, while the number of items in subcategory levels be used as guides in examination development and the subcategories be removed from the dental specifications for candidates.
10. As a part of the JCNDE's small grants program, approved of the full funding in the amount of \$55,033 to support the research proposed by David Shin, Ph.D. Senior Research Scientist, Pearson, entitled *Implications of Converting the NBDE and the NBDHE to a Computerized Adaptive Testing Format*.
 11. Adopted a resolution to continue to sponsor the IDEA Grant Program for another five funding cycles beginning in 2010-2011, with the funding up to \$60,000 for a project and fund a maximum of two research proposals per funding cycle. Standing committees and the Committee on an Integrated Examination will submit a priority list of future targeted RFPs to support innovation in assessment.
 12. Approved of a list of 2010-2011 research and development projects and expenditures.
 13. Approved the development of a Request for Proposals to provide a model for reporting diagnostic normative subscores for dental schools and dental hygiene programs for evaluation purposes. This new vehicle for reporting information to dental schools will replace the dental school profiles that will be discontinued in 2012.
 14. Considered requests by ADEA to perform a review of the standard setting process, conduct an unscheduled Part II standard setting exercise in light of 2009 Part II failure rates and rescore Part II, if appropriate. Other requests included a review of changes to Part II, including cognitive level of items. The JCNDE took no actions relative to these requests.
 15. Considered requests by ASDA to recalibrate Part II, explain the question review process, shorten the time between retakes, and reduce the retake fee. The JCNDE took no actions relative to these requests. A response to questions posed by ASDA has been prepared in a Q and A format and is being distributed.
 16. Elected Ms. Kelley Shannon as the public member on the Joint Commission for the years 2011-2015. Elected Ms. Diane M. Dank as the alternate candidate, in the event Ms. Shannon is unable to accept the appointment.
 17. Elected Dr. Andrew Spielman as chair and Dr. George "Buck" Conard, Jr. as vice chair of the Joint Commission for terms beginning October 2010.
 18. April 25 will be the scheduled meeting date of the Joint Commission in 2012.

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