

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) Short-Form-NBDHE Quick Facts

Name of Examination	National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) – Short Form
Purpose	<p>The purpose of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination is to measure whether a candidate for licensure possesses the entry-level cognitive skills necessary to safely practice as a dental hygienist. Dental and dental hygiene boards use the information provided by the NBDHE to help protect the public health.</p> <p>Additional information can be found in the NBDHE Candidate Guide.</p>
Short-Form-NBDHE	The short-form-NBDHE is a shortened version of the full-length NBDHE, made available in 2020 in response to circumstances surrounding COVID-19.
Content Domain and Test Specifications	<p>The short-form-NBDHE is comprised of 155 total questions. Content appearing in the shortened forms is proportionally representative of the current NBDHE test specifications.</p> <p>Discipline-Based Component (85 questions) The discipline-based component contains questions addressing three major areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Basis for Dental Hygiene Practice (29%) • Provision of Clinical Dental Hygiene Services (59%) • Community Health/Research Principles (12%) <p>Case-Based Component (70 questions) The case-based component includes questions involving dental hygiene patient cases.</p>
Practice Questions	NBDHE Practice Test modules are also helpful in preparing for the short-form-NBDHE and are available for purchase on the JCNDE website .
First Date of Availability	The short-form-NBDHE will be available mid-July, 2020. Candidates will be able to submit corresponding applications approximately two weeks before the short-form-NBDHE becomes available.
Eligibility	Eligibility rules are the same for the NBDHE and short-form-NBDHE. NBDHE eligibility rules for students of US dental programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) are determined by each program. Each program at its discretion may institute its own specific requirements pertaining to the examination.

<p>Administration</p>	<p>The short-form-NBDHE will be administered in approximately 3 hours and 35 minutes. The administration schedule is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 291 1356 468"> <tr> <td>Discipline-Based Component</td> <td>1 hour, 30 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Optional Scheduled Break</td> <td>15 Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Case-Based Component</td> <td>1 hour, 50 minutes</td> </tr> </table>	Discipline-Based Component	1 hour, 30 minutes	Optional Scheduled Break	15 Minutes	Case-Based Component	1 hour, 50 minutes
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<p>Administration Fees</p>	<p>The fee for the short-form-NBDHE is identical to the fee associated with the standard-form-NBDHE.</p>						
<p>General Policies and Procedures</p>	<p>Short-form-NBDHE policies and procedures are fully consistent with the policies and procedures associated with the standard form NBDHE. This includes, for example, policies concerning examination rules of conduct, irregularities, and appeals.</p>						
<p>Results Reporting</p>	<p>Candidate Results. Short-form-NBDHE results are reported as “Pass” or “Fail.” Results are reported only as “Pass” for candidates who achieve passing scores. The status of “Pass” is reported for candidates who achieve a scale score of 75 or higher. The status of “Fail” is reported for candidates who achieve a scale score below 75. The short-form-NBDHE is a criterion-referenced examinations, with the minimum passing score determined by subject matter experts through rigorous standard-setting activities. The level of skills required to pass is the same, regardless of whether a candidate completes a standard form of the NBDHE or the short-form.</p> <p>As a consequence of the shortened test length, the short-form-NBDHE results report provides less information to candidates who have failed the examination, as compared to the information made available to failing candidates who were administered the standard form. For remediation purposes, candidates who fail the examination will receive an overall scale score and information about their performance in the following major areas of the examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Basis for Dental Hygiene Practice • Provision of Clinical Dental Hygiene Services <p>Approximately four weeks after testing, short-form-NBDHE candidates will be able to view their examination results by logging into the My Account Summary page on ADA.org/JCNDE.</p> <p>School Results. Candidates’ Pass/Fail status will be reported to schools through the DTS Hub. Schools will receive periodic reports that describe how their students perform on the examination, relative to students from other schools. School results reports containing short-form-NBDHE administrations are subject to the same limitations as individual results reports (i.e., aggregate reporting is only possible for the overall scale and the two major areas indicated above).</p> <p>Dental Board Results. Candidates’ Pass/Fail status will be reported through the DTS Hub.</p>						

<p>Retesting Policy</p>	<p>Short-form-NBDHE retesting policies are fully consistent with the policies and procedures associated with the standard form NBDHE, and are treated as parallel forms of the NBDHE from a retesting perspective. As indicated in other JCNDE communications, at the present time the short-form-NBDHE is being offered and will be available on a limited basis. The Retest Policy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates who have passed may not retake the examination unless required by a state board or relevant regulatory agency. • Candidates who have not passed may apply for re-examination. An examination attempt is defined as any examination administration where the candidate has been seated at a computer at a test center, and electronically agreed to the confidentiality statement to start the examination. • Candidates must wait a minimum of 90 days between test attempts. • Candidates are encouraged to seek formal remediation before re-examination. • Under the JCNDE's 5 Years/5 Attempts Eligibility Rule, candidates must pass the examination within a) five years of their first attempt or b) five examination attempts, whichever comes first. Subsequent to the fifth year or fifth attempt, failing candidates may test once every 12 months after their most recent attempt.
<p>Governance</p>	<p>The governing body of the NBDHE Program is the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE).</p>
<p>Validity and Technical Information</p>	<p>Short and standard length forms of the NBDHEs are supported through content validity arguments. NBDHE content has been developed by teams of highly qualified subject matter experts, working together to build examination questions that are capable of accurately and reliably identifying those who possess the clinical skills necessary to safely practice dental hygiene. These procedures are discussed in the NBDHE Technical Report.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Please see the NBDHE website: www.ada.org/nbdhe. The JCNDE can also be reached via nbexams@ada.org.</p>