



Candidate Statement of Understanding with regard to CRDTS Oral Assessment Exam Security Measures

1. The Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) simulated patient Oral Assessment Examination is highly confidential. The examination questions are the property of CRDTS. Unauthorized disclosure of examination questions is prohibited under copyright laws. By signing this statement of understanding, you agree to maintain the confidentiality of the CRDTS simulated patient Oral Assessment Examination.

2. You must therefore:
 - Keep the exam content confidential for a period for at least five (5) years as discussed below.
 - You will not give, receive or obtain any form of unauthorized assistance prior to or during the examination.
 - You will not disclose (in whole or in part) any examination questions or answers to anyone before, during or after the examination, whether orally, in writing, on Internet chat rooms, blogs or otherwise.
 - You will not reproduce or attempt to reproduce examination materials through memorization, recording or other means.
 - You will not provide information relating to examination content that may provide unfair advantage to other candidates.
 - You will not use or participate in the electronic posting of information regarding examination content or answers.
 - You will not discuss exam cases, content, questions or answer options with anyone (ie: family, friends, fellow colleagues, classmates, school faculty, etc.) who took the exam before you, with you or those who have not yet taken the exam.
 - You may not use or be in possession of any unauthorized electronic devices (such as cell phones, cameras, etc.) during the exam.

3. With regard to the CRDTS simulated-patient Oral Assessment exam, candidates agree to abide by all rules, as well as oral and written instructions controlling the conduct of the examination. These rules are intended to preserve the integrity of the examination process by providing standard test administration conditions that yield valid and reliable results.

4. Candidates will be observed at all times while they are taking the CRDTS simulated-patient Oral Assessment Examination. This observation will include direct observation by proctors. Proctors may not necessarily inform you of their observations, but they are required to report behavior that may violate the terms and rules of the exam or other forms of irregular behavior.

5. Any cheating and/or breach of confidentiality/security or any attempt to subvert the examination process by any candidate violates the purpose and principles of the examination and is grounds for immediate dismissal from the examination.
6. Any candidate who witnesses or has knowledge of known exam security breaches must report it to the Proctor and/or CRDTS personnel as soon as possible. Morally and ethically, reporting known exam breaches allows CRDTS personnel the opportunity to investigate and take appropriate action.
7. CRDTS strives to report results that accurately reflect the skill and performance of each candidate and represent a valid measure of their knowledge or competence as sampled by the examination.
8. Accordingly, our standards and procedures for administering examinations have two related goals: giving candidates comparable opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, and preventing any of them from gaining an unfair advantage over others. To promote these objectives, CRDTS reserves the right to cancel or withhold any examination results when, in the sole opinion of CRDTS, a testing irregularity occurred; cheating has occurred; there is an apparent discrepancy in, or falsification of, a candidate's identification; a candidate engages in misconduct or plagiarism; when aberrancies in performance are detected for which there is no reasonable and satisfactory explanation; or the results are believed to be invalid for any other reason.
9. Conduct occurring before, during or after testing that violates these principles may result in invalidation of examination results and/or other penalties such as the revocation of exam scores which will be reported to State Dental Licensing Boards.
10. Any unauthorized disclosure of the examination's content could also result in civil liability and criminal penalties.
11. Candidates proven to violate examination security rules will have their exam scores voided and denied access to retesting for two years.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above statement.

Candidate Name

(Please Print): _____

Candidate Number: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____