

Summary of Changes
Class of 2027
CRDTS Dental Simulated Patient Examination

Part I DCTP: Required, no longer “optional”

Part II Endodontics:

Two grading criteria in the Endodontics portion of the examination have been amended as shown below:

Posterior Endodontic Procedure

- Internal Form
 - SAT - The internal form tapers to the canal opening with no ledges
 - ACC – The internal form lacks taper to the canal orifice(s), gouges are present that do not affect access to the canal orifice(s).
 - DEF - The internal form exhibits excessive ledging or gouges that do not allow access to the canal orifices and/or there is a perforation of the crown or the floor of the pulp chamber.

Anterior Endodontic Procedure

- Apical Portion
 - SAT – The apical portion is instrumented to within 0.5 to 1.0 mm of the anatomical apex.
 - SUB – The apical portion of the canal is prepared more than 1.0 mm to 2.0 mm short of the anatomical apex. The apical portion is transported, but the apical portion still blends with the anatomical apex.
 - DEF - The apical portion of the canal is over prepared and instrumented beyond the anatomical apex, or is under prepared more than 2.0 mm from the anatomical apex. The apical portion of the canal is transported and does not blend with the anatomical apex and/or there is a perforation of the root.

Part III Prosthodontics:

CRDTS is giving dental schools the option to use bi-layer teeth for Part III Prosthodontic preparations for the Class of 2027.

The following statement and picture have been added to the candidate manual for grading clarification:

Examiners will use all sections of the matrices to determine accurate reduction measurements across the entire occlusal table, including those views beyond the matrices sectioned lines.



Part IV Periodontal:

Clinical examination time – 1 hour 30 minutes

A mandibular quadrant will be automatically assigned for calculus removal.

Part V Restorative:

Occlusal caries has been added to the Class II preparation teeth.

Three grading criteria in the Class II Preparation portion of the examination have been amended as shown below:

- Gingival Clearance
 - SAT – Contact is open gingivally up to 1.0 mm.
 - ACC – The gingival clearance is greater than 1.0 mm. but not greater than 1.5 mm.
 - SUB – The gingival clearance is greater than 1.5 mm. but not greater than 2.0 mm.
 - DEF - The gingival clearance is greater than 2.0 mm. or is not open.

- Isthmus Width
 - SAT – The isthmus is 1.5 mm wide
 - ACC – The isthmus is greater than 1.5 mm and not more than 2.0 mm.
 - SUB – The isthmus is [] greater than 2.0 mm and not more than 2.5 mm, or [] less than 1.5mm and greater than or equal to 1.0mm
 - DEF - The isthmus is greater than 2.5 mm or less than 1.0 mm

- Outline Shape/Continuity/Extension
 - SAT – The outline form is smooth, rounded and flowing with no sharp curves or angles. The cavosurface margin terminates such that the width of the marginal ridge/oblique ridge, is 1.5mm or greater.
 - SUB – The outline form is inappropriately overextended so that it compromises the remaining marginal ridge/oblique ridge and/or cusp(s). The cavosurface margin terminates such that the width of the marginal ridge/oblique ridge is 1 to less than 1.5mm. The outline form is underextended and does not incorporate occlusal pits and grooves.
 - DEF – The outline form is inappropriately overextended so that it compromises, undermines and leaves unsupported the remaining marginal ridge/oblique ridge to the extent that the cavosurface margin is unsupported by dentin or the width of the marginal ridge/oblique ridge, is less than 1mm.

Retake Policy:

If a candidate does not achieve a 75% or greater score on a procedure within a part of the CRDTS exam on their first attempt, a 2nd attempt retake option for that procedure is available on-site after the dental examination has been completed at most examination sites. Each procedure has an allotted amount of time in which the retake procedure needs to be completed within. The on-site retake policy allows for a maximum aggregate time of 5 (five) hours for an examination that includes all 5 (five) examination parts. If

less than 5 (five) examination parts are taken, the allotted time is reduced to an amount reflecting the parts of the exam that were taken.

Candidates retaking the CRDTS examination must sign a retake release form stating that the candidate has verified with the state board in the state which the candidate intends to practice about their number of attempts policy.

A 3rd attempt may be offered to candidates that do not achieve a score at or above a 75% on their second attempt. A 30-day minimum waiting period is imposed between the second and third attempts.

If a candidate is unsuccessful at a third attempt of the previously failed exam procedure(s) then all procedures within that examination part must be retaken, following a minimum period of 30 days.

In the unlikely event that a candidate is still unsuccessful after a fourth attempt, the candidate will be required to take the entire CRDTS examination, following a minimum period of 30 days.

If following the CIF Format, remediation must take place between each attempt after the second attempt, all retakes must be taken within 60 days after graduation, or else all parts of the examination must be retaken in the Traditional Format.

All attempts will be reported on score reports whether a candidate is considered Traditional or Integrated. If following the CIF Format all unsuccessful attempt to pass the exam, while the candidate is enrolled in dental school and has access to faculty remediation, or within the 60-day grace period following graduation, will be reported to state dental boards but counted as one failed attempt for purposes of CRDTS Certification.