



CDCA / ADEX DENTAL EXAMINATION - PERIODONTAL CLINICAL EXAMINATION

The Periodontal Clinical Examination is now an optional section of the ADEX Exam. A candidate is considered to have passed the ADEX Examination and achieved “ADEX status” or “CDCA status” when the candidate has passed the four required examinations (the DSE, Prosthodontic, Endodontic, and Restorative Examinations).

While some states do not require successful completion of the Clinical Periodontal Examination for licensure, other states do have this as a statutory requirement for licensure. As state licensing regulations are always subject to change, the decision not to take the Periodontal Clinical Examination may affect your ability to obtain licensure upon graduation in certain states. It may also affect your future mobility in obtaining licensure throughout your career in dentistry.

The decision whether or not to take the optional Periodontal Clinical Examination is up to each candidate. The CDCA suggests the following actions and considerations to guide your decision:

1. Contact the states in which you wish to practice for the best, and most current, licensure information.
2. The fee you paid for the CDCA / ADEX CIF Examination includes the Restorative and Periodontal Examinations. Please note, however, that if you do not take the Periodontal Examination at the first opportunity and wish to do so at a later date, you will be charged to take the Periodontal Examination.
3. There is no penalty for candidates choosing not to take the Periodontal Examination.
4. Candidate scores for the optional Periodontal Clinical Examination will be included whenever scores are reported for the required sections of the examination. Note that a failing grade (less than 75) in the optional Periodontal Clinical Examination does not affect whether the candidate has passed the ADEX Examination. A candidate with a failing grade is not obligated to retake the clinical - based Periodontal Examination by ADEX, however the state in which licensure is desired may require that a passing grade be obtained as a requirement for licensure.
5. The CDCA recommends that candidates complete the optional Periodontal Clinical Examination in order to maximize the portability of the examination results in obtaining licensure opportunities.

We hope this information is helpful to you in making your decision and wish you success as you complete the ADEX Dental Examination.