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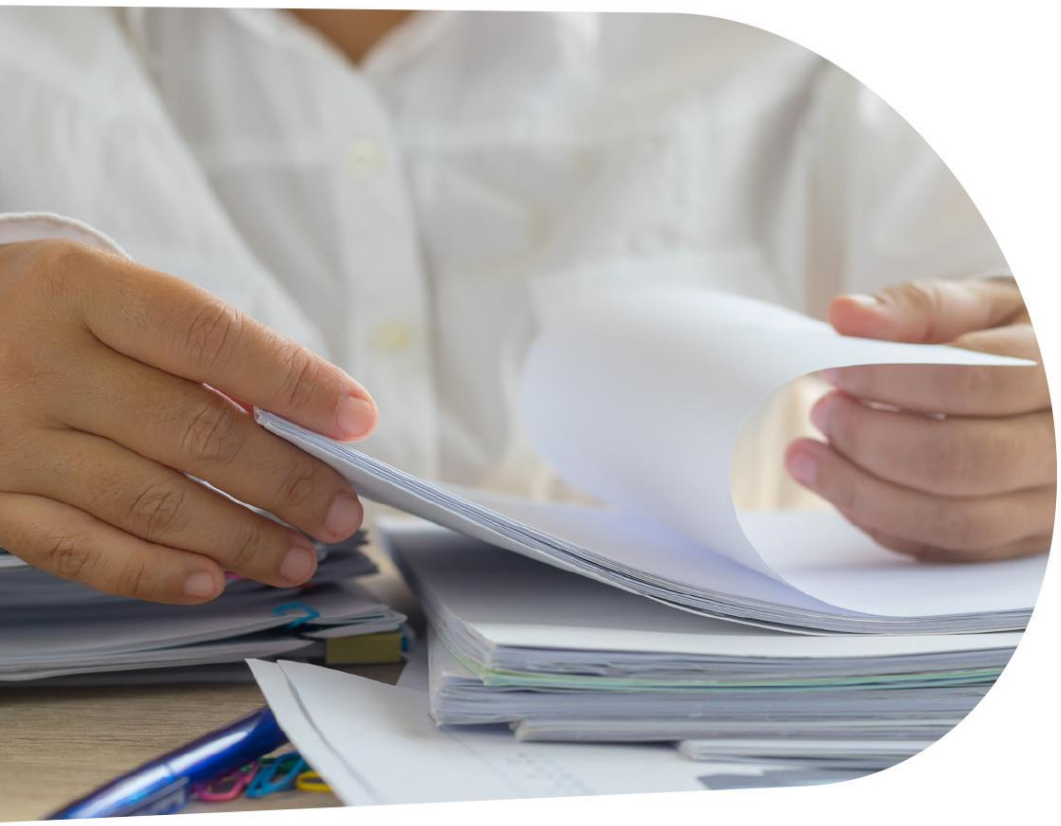
ADC Written Examination

Dental prosthetist handbook



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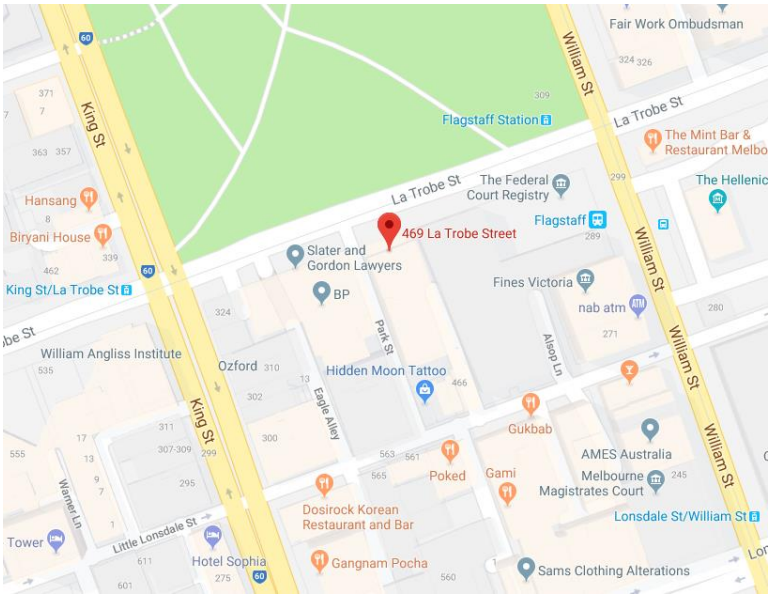
Introduction

The Australian Dental Council's (ADC's) written examination is designed to test your knowledge of the science and practice of dental prosthetics. It assesses your application of clinical judgement and reasoning skills relevant to dental practice in Australia.

1. Where is the written examination held?

The written examinations are currently held at the ADC at the following address:

Level 6, 469 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000



Travel times to the ADC may vary significantly due to traffic conditions and public transport timetables. Please ensure you allow adequate travel time to arrive promptly for your examination registration.

2. Where can I stay near the ADC?

You are responsible for arranging your own visa, travel and accommodation for your examination.

A range of accommodation options are available in the area. A list of local accommodation is provided in Appendix 1.

3. What facilities are available at the ADC?

During your examination you will have access to the:

- Candidate registration and waiting area
- Examination room
- Bathrooms

4. What must I bring to my examination?

You must bring the following items to your examination:

- Government issued identification (must be valid and include your full name, signature and photograph)
- Signed professional written examinations rules agreement form

5. What can't I bring to my examination?

You cannot bring the following items to your examination:

- × Reference material including ADC handbooks or textbooks
- × Your own stationery
- × Any telecommunications or transmitting devices. This includes but is not limited to smart watches, smart glasses and mobile phones

Candidates are advised that there may be limited space for storage of large luggage items. All belongings (including mobile and electronic devices) must be switched off and placed in a designated area, not accessible during the examination.

Only candidates sitting an examination will be permitted into the ADC examination centre. Family members are asked not to enter the reception area or wait at the ADC during your examination.

6. Can I bring my lunch?

Candidates must leave the examination area during scheduled breaks. Candidates are permitted to bring food items with them, however, should note that food storage and preparation amenities are unavailable. A cafe is located at the base of the building with other food venues in close proximity.

7. What about medications or other health related items?

We understand that, occasionally, you may need to bring medications or other health-related items to the examination.

Prior authorisation is required for any medication to be brought with you on examination day. Appropriate storage of your medication(s) will be provided.

Other health related items may include:

- Medications
- Feminine hygiene products

Your health-related items can be presented at the time of registration. An ADC staff member may inspect these items and will provide you with further instructions on how you can access your items if required.

8. Candidate contact information

It is important to ensure that your contact details are kept up to date, as communications from the ADC will be sent to you via your nominated email address.

Please ensure the email address you provide is reliable and checked regularly.

Candidates who use free internet providers (Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook etc.) should maintain their mailboxes regularly and check junk mail or other filters.

You can update any changes to your email address, phone numbers, or home address in your profile via the ADC Connect Portal.

If you have changed your name, or if your ADC Connect name does not match your identification documents, please contact the ADC for further advice via written@adc.org.au.

The ADC will not be responsible for non-receipt of correctly addressed emails.

Written examination

The written examination is a paper-based examination, containing scenario-based multiple-choice questions (MCQs).

The examination consists of a total 100 MCQs, split across two separate papers.

You will be allocated two hours to complete each examination paper, with a break in between.

Each examination section contains a mix of questions from the examination blueprint (see section 10).

9. Question construction

The ADC uses scenario based multiple-choice question (MCQ) items for the written examination. A scenario based MCQ item is an overarching clinical vignette, with five multiple choice questions attached.

Each multiple-choice question has a single- best-answer and relates to the information in the clinical case outlined in the clinical vignette.

An example scenario based MCQ item is available online: *ADC Scenario-based MCQ example.*

10. Specification matrix for written examination format

The written examination blueprint refers to the underlying structure of the examination, which describes the content covered and the approximate percentage of questions allocated to each content area.

The questions in each paper of the written examination will focus on, but not be limited to, the disciplines listed in the table below:

ADC Written Examination Blueprint Dental Prosthetist			Domains				
			Professionalism	Health promotion	Clinical information gathering	Diagnosis and management planning	Clinical treatment and evaluation
			Cluster 1		Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4
		Target % of questions	10%	10%	30%	30%	20%
Disciplines	Dental emergencies	5%					
	General Medicine *(inc. medical emergencies and special needs dentistry)*	5%					
	Infection control	10%					
	Oral medicine and pathology	15%					
	Pain and behaviour management	10%					
	Periodontics	5%					
	Preventive dentistry	5%					
	Radiography	5%					
	Fixed Prosthodontics	5%					
	Removable Prosthodontics	30%					
	Restorative dentistry	5%					

Examination format

- Scenario-based multiple-choice questions
- 100 scored questions

Subdisciplines (assessed across multiple disciplines)	
Implants	5%
Pharmacology	10%

11. Written examination day

11.1 Registration

Arrival time

At the start of your examination day, you will be required to register at the front desk.

Registration is between **9.30 am – 9.45 am.**

If you arrive early, please wait in the lift lobby on level 6 until your registration time begins. Once the examination has commenced no candidate will be granted late entry, regardless of the reason. If you do not arrive on time to sit a section, this will be counted as a withdrawal from the examination, and you will not be eligible to receive any examination results.

Identification

You are required to bring with you evidence of your identity as authorisation to sit the examination. These documents will be checked before you will be allowed to sit the examination.

You must present **two** forms of ID when asked. You may present either:

- two forms of Primary ID, or
- one form of Primary ID and one form of Secondary ID.

Primary ID	Secondary ID

• Government-issued.
• Must show:
  ○ your name
  ○ a recent recognizable photograph
  ○ your signature
For example:
An International Travel Passport
	• Must show either:
	  ○ your name AND a recent recognizable photograph **OR**
	  ○ your name AND your signature
	For example:
	A debit/credit card

The ID documents that you present at the examination must be original (i.e. no photocopies) and current at the time of the examination.

The first and last names that you used to register for the examination must **exactly** match the first and last names on the ID documents that you present.

11.2 Materials and supplies

You will be provided all materials necessary for the examination. Calculators or other electronic or mechanical aids are neither required nor permitted. Scrap paper is neither provided nor permitted for the written examination papers.

12. Written examination conduct

You should review the candidate rules agreement for the written examination which will be emailed to you prior to the examination date, and the *Candidate Misconduct Policy*, available on the ADC website.

At your examination registration you will be asked to sign a declaration stating that you understand and agree to abide to the terms outlined in these documents.

Any candidate found to be in breach of the examination rules will be subject to the processes outlined in the *Candidate Misconduct Policy*.

You will be provided all materials necessary for the examination. Calculators or other electronic or mechanical aids are neither required nor permitted. Scrap paper is neither provided nor permitted for the written examination papers.

12.1 Examination special consideration

Special consideration in examinations refer to changes in how an examination is administered with the aim of removing the impact of a disability, or other medical condition, so all candidates can fully demonstrate their skills. Special consideration cannot give any candidate an advantage or compromise the integrity of the examination.

If you wish to request special consideration, you must submit your request to the ADC in writing along with any supporting evidence (i.e. relevant medical certificate). All requests must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the examination day, and any adjustments to the examination will be awarded at the discretion of the ADC.

The ADC cannot grant exemptions from the requirements of the examinations under any circumstances. As such, special considerations cannot involve the modification of the required standards, the questions assessed, or an awarded grade.

12.2 Adverse Incidents

Adverse Incidents include situations beyond your control which are likely to affect your performance in the examination (for example: extended power outage).

Minor incidents (such as mild noise disturbance) which can be readily rectified are not considered as adverse incidents.

If an event occurs during an examination that you believe is likely to affect your performance, it is your responsibility to notify the examination invigilator immediately. The exam invigilator will assess the situation and will attempt to remedy any adverse incident at the time of its occurrence. If warranted, the examination invigilator may complete an *Adverse Incident form.*

The ADC will not be able to take into consideration any adverse incidents reported **after** the examination, as there is no opportunity to rectify or verify such incidents.

Incidents reported by telephone or email following a written examination will not be considered.

12.3 Absenteeism and withdrawal from the examination

If you cannot attend your written examination, you will be required to withdraw. Further information on withdrawing from the ADC written examination is available in the *Assessments and Examinations Withdrawal Procedure*.

13. Results

13.1 Receiving your results

ADC written examination results will be released within a week via the ADC Candidate Portal, in your Results Profile.

You will be notified when your written examination results are available and how to access them. Results will not be released by telephone or fax.

To be awarded a PASS in the written examination, candidates must PASS both written papers.

The ADC is unable to discuss candidate results via phone/email.

13.2 Review and Appeal

Candidates can apply for a review of the administrative procedures of the written examination, or an appeal against the administrative procedures of the written examination.

Candidates should read the ADC Assessments and Examinations Review and Appeal Policy for further information regarding the review and appeal processes for the written examination.

Please note all relevant fees can be found on the ADC website.

13.3 Repeat examinations

If you do not pass the written examination you may apply to sit another written examination, provided you meet all eligibility criteria. No credits or exemptions will be given for previous attempts at the written examination.

There is no restriction on the number of attempts allowed for the ADC written examination, however a new application is required, and the examination fee must be paid for each attempt.

A pass in the written examination is valid for three years only. This means that candidates who pass the written examination must sit and pass the practical examination within three years of notification of a successful result in the written examination.

Candidates who do not complete the practical examination in this timeframe must re-sit and pass the written examination to again become eligible to enter the practical examination.

Applying for the practical examination

Candidates who successfully complete the written examination will have the opportunity to apply for the **ADC practical examination**. A separate practical examination fee is applicable and must paid prior to the practical examination session.

Appendix 1. Accommodation local to the ADC Examination Centre

Name	Description	Distance from Examination Centre	Price indication
Nomads Melbourne 196-198 A'Beckett Street Melbourne 3000 www.nomadsworld.com 03 9328 4383	2 star hostel	6 minute walk	$$\$\$\$\$$ Shared room – From $33
King Street Backpackers 199 King Street Melbourne 3000 www.kingstreetbackpackers.com.au 03 9670 1111	2 star hostel Free breakfast	5 minute walk	$$\$\$\$\$$ Shared room – From $25
Discovery Melbourne 167 Franklin Street Melbourne 3000 www.discoverymelbourne.com 9329 4012	2 star hostel	8 minute walk or short tram trip	$$\$\$\$\$$ Shared – From $32 Private – From $155
Hotel Sophia 277-287 King Street Melbourne 3000 www.hotelsophia.com.au 1300 724 811	3 star hotel	4 minute walk	$$\$\$\$$ From $82
YTI Garden Hotel 328 Little Bourke Melbourne 3000 www.ytigarden.com 03 9600 4000	3 star hotel or studio	10 minute walk or short tram trip	$$\$\$\$$ From $90
Nova Stargate Apartment Hotel 118 Franklin Street Melbourne 3000 www.nova-star-budget-hotel.hotelrezz.co 03 9321 0300	3 star hotel or apartment	9 minute walk	$$\$\$\$$ From $99
City Edge on Elizabeth 99 A'Beckett Street Melbourne 3000 www.cityedge.com.au 03 9005 5554	4 star apartment	8 minute walk or short tram trip	$$\$\$\$$ From $129

Name	Description	Distance from Examination Centre	Price indication
Pegasus Suites 206 A'Beckett Street Melbourne 3000 www.pegasussuites.com.au 03 9284 2400	3 star suite	4 minute walk	$$$$$ From $135
HarbourView Apartment Hotel 585 La Trobe Street Melbourne 3000 www.arrowonspencer.com.au 9321 0900	3 star hotel or apartment	4 minute walk	$$$$$ From $145
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens 380 William Street Melbourne 3000 www.radisson.com 1800 333 333	4 star hotel	3 minute walk	$$$$$ From $180
Novotel Melbourne Central 399 Little Lonsdale Street, 3000 Melbourne https://all.accor.com/ (03) 9929 8888	4.5 star hotel	7 minute walk	$$$$$ From $266
Courtyard Marriott 50 Batman Street, Melbourne 3000 https://courtyard.marriott.com/ (03) 9120 1000	4.4 star hotel	8 minute walk	$$$$$ From $300
Dorsett hotel 615 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne 3000 https://www.dorsetthotels.com/dorsett-melbourne/ (03) 9123 4888	4.2 star hotel	7 minute walk	$$$$$ From $401

Resources

The content of the examinations is derived from the same broad range of resources that dental students and practitioners in Australia commonly refer to. As a result, it is not possible to identify a narrow list of textbooks and journals with which candidates must be familiar and from which the examination will be derived. However, as a guide, a list of useful resource materials for dental practitioners has been compiled and is available on the ADC website.