

Practical examination information package for dental hygiene and dental therapy

ADC Examination Centre

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1. About this document

The information in this document is intended to provide further information to candidates on what to expect at the ADC Examination Centre and during their ADC practical examination.

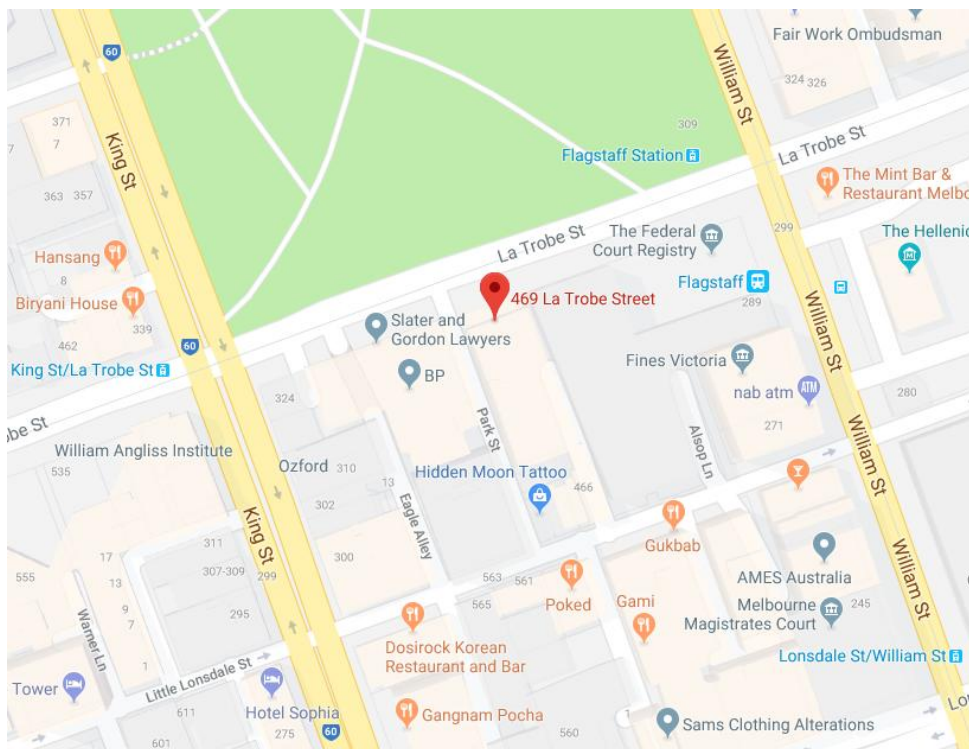
2. Where is the practical examination held?

All ADC practical examinations are held at the ADC Examination Centre at:

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

Tel: 03 9657 1777

Map:



Travel times to the Examination Centre 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.

Flagstaff on the City Loop, located on La Trobe/William Streets is the closest station to the Examination Centre. It is a two minute walk from the station to the ADC.

The ADC Examination Centre is also a 12 minute walk from Southern Cross station, also known as Spencer Street Station. Along with Metro Trains, you can also catch

trains to regional Victoria, as well as the Sky Bus to Melbourne Airport from Spencer Street Station.

The William Street/La Trobe Street tram stop, Stop 3, and the Flagstaff Railway Station/William Street tram stop, Stop 7, are a two minute walk from the ADC Examination Centre. More information on trams operating from these tram stops can be found at ptv.vic.gov.au.

Street view:



Level 6 view – entrance to ADC premises:



3. Where can I stay near the Examination Centre?

You are responsible for arranging your own visa, travel and accommodation for your examination. Your examination will run over one to two consecutive days, depending on your dental practitioner division.

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

4. What facilities are available in the Examination Centre?

During your examination you will have access to the:

- candidate registration and waiting area
- candidate locker room
- candidate lounge, kitchen and bathrooms
- candidate services room
- briefing room
- OSCE rooms
- simulation clinic.

4.1. Candidate registration and waiting area

When you arrive at the ADC you will be asked to wait in the candidate waiting area.

An ADC staff member will call you to the candidate registration area. During registration the staff member will take your photograph and perform an identity check. You must bring identification with you for the registration process. Suitable identification must be government issued and contain your photograph and signature, such as a valid passport or Australian driver's licence. If your examination spans across two days, you will need to register (providing the same identification documentation) on both days of your examination.

When you first register you will also be required to confirm you have read and understood the [Candidate Rules Agreement](#) form, which is provided to you with your examination schedule ahead of your examination session.

At the registration desk, an ADC staff member will ask you to present your lunch, snacks, drinks, medications and any other materials you wish to bring with you into the Examination Centre. Items brought into the exam must be in clear packaging. Where this is not possible, ADC staff will inspect the contents prior to allowing them into the Examination Centre.

4.2. Candidate locker room

After registration, you will be directed to the candidate locker room. All personal belongings, except for your lunch, snacks, drinks, medications (if pre-approved) and protective eyewear, must be left in your individually secured locker. Your belongings must remain inside your locker during the examination.

4.3. Candidate lounge and bathrooms



After your belongings are secured in the candidate locker room, you will be shown into the dedicated candidate lounge. Entering the candidate lounge is considered your entry into the Examination Centre. The candidate lounge includes:

Candidate kitchen

The candidate lounge kitchen is fitted with a refrigerator, microwaves, crockery and cutlery for your use. Tea, coffee, boiling and chilled water are provided together with biscuits and fruit. Your lunch and snacks may be stored in the candidate kitchen, available to you during your examination. You will not be permitted to leave the candidate lounge during your lunch break. Please keep the kitchen area tidy and stack any dishes in the dishwasher after use.

Seating areas

The candidate lounge has tables, chairs and soft seating areas for your use during your breaks.



Candidate services room

The candidate services room is a private, lockable room, fitted with a fridge and a microwave. It is suitable for prayer, meditation and for mothers who are breast-feeding.

Candidate bathrooms

Male and female candidate bathrooms are accessible via the candidate lounge.

You may access the candidate lounge, candidate bathrooms, candidate kitchen and candidate services room at any time during your examination, except during timetabled sessions. Whilst examiners do not monitor the candidate lounge, for your safety it is monitored by closed-circuit television (CCTV) and fitted with a duress alarm.

As it is a part of the Examination Centre, you are expected to engage in appropriate examination conduct at all times whilst in the candidate lounge.

Please remember that if you leave the candidate lounge (back into ADC reception) during your examination you will be leaving the Examination Centre and will not be permitted back into the Examination Centre to complete your examination.

4.4. Candidate Briefing Room

During the examination, you may be taken into the candidate briefing room to receive important information about your examination.

This room is accessed via the candidate lounge.

4.5. Simulation clinic

For your examination you will be collected from the candidate lounge and taken to the simulation clinic. Your orientation will occur in the simulation clinic. From the simulation clinic you can access the candidate lounge, including the candidate bathrooms, candidate kitchen and candidate services room at any time during your examination.



4.6. OSCE rooms

Your timetabled tasks (communication, x-ray and rubber dam) will take place in the OSCE rooms. All OSCE rooms are accessible from the candidate corridor. You will wait outside your designated first OSCE room until further instructions are given. From the OSCE rooms you can access the candidate lounge, including the candidate bathrooms, candidate kitchen and candidate services room during any timetabled breaks.

5. What time is the examination?

Your examination will be held during the week. We will email your examination timetable prior to your examination. Your travel and accommodation arrangements should allow you to be available from 8am to 5pm on the day/s of your examination. Candidates sitting the dental hygiene examination will be required for one day, candidates sitting the dental therapy examination will be required for one to one and a half days depending on timetabling, and candidates sitting the combined dental hygiene and dental therapy examination will be required for two days.

At registration into the examination, you will be provided with a detailed schedule for the day.

The following schedules are indicative only. You will be advised of any variations to these times. If variations occur, your total examination time will not be affected.

5.1. Exam timetable (prior to June 2026)

Exam days will usually run according to the following schedule:

8:00am – 8:15am	Registration
8:15am - 9:00am	Briefing, orientation and set-up
9:00am – 12:30pm	Examination session 1
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Examination session 2

5.2. Exam timetable (from and including June 2026)

Exam days will usually run according to the following schedule:

8:00am – 8:15am	Registration
8:15am - 9:15am	Briefing, orientation and set-up
9:15am – 12:45pm	Examination session 1
12:45pm – 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm – 4:45pm	Examination session 2
4:45pm – 4:55pm	Pack-up and clean-up

6. What must I bring to my examination?

You must bring the following items to each day of your examination:

- Current Government issued identification (must include your signature and photograph).
- Safety eye-wear (this will not be provided). Your safety eye-wear must comply with infection control standards and, if you wish, may include fixed magnification aids (this does not include a hand-held magnifying glass).

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

You cannot bring the following items to your examination:

- ✗ Any dental materials, burs, instruments or equipment other than your safety eye-wear.
- ✗ Reference material including ADC handbooks, textbooks, stationary or measuring tools.
- ✗ Any telecommunications or transmitting devices. This includes but is not limited to smart watches, smart glasses and mobile phones.

Only candidates registered into the examination will be permitted into the Examination Centre. Family members are asked *not to wait* at the ADC during your examination and may be asked to leave the reception area.

8. Can I bring my lunch?

You must bring your lunch for any whole day examination. Fruit, biscuits, tea and coffee will be available in the candidate lounge. You will not be permitted to leave the Examination Centre during any break period on either examination day.

Your lunch must be presented in clear packaging such as a clear container or clear snap-lock bag. The packaging must be such that ADC staff can clearly see its contents. After placing your items in your locker, we will ask you to present your lunch, in its clear packaging to the ADC staff member.

You will not require lunch for a half-day examination. However, if you wish to bring food or snacks with you, these must be presented in clear packaging to the ADC staff member, before entering the Examination Centre.

9. What about medications or other health related items?

We understand that occasionally, you will need to bring medications or other health-related items into the Examination Centre.

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

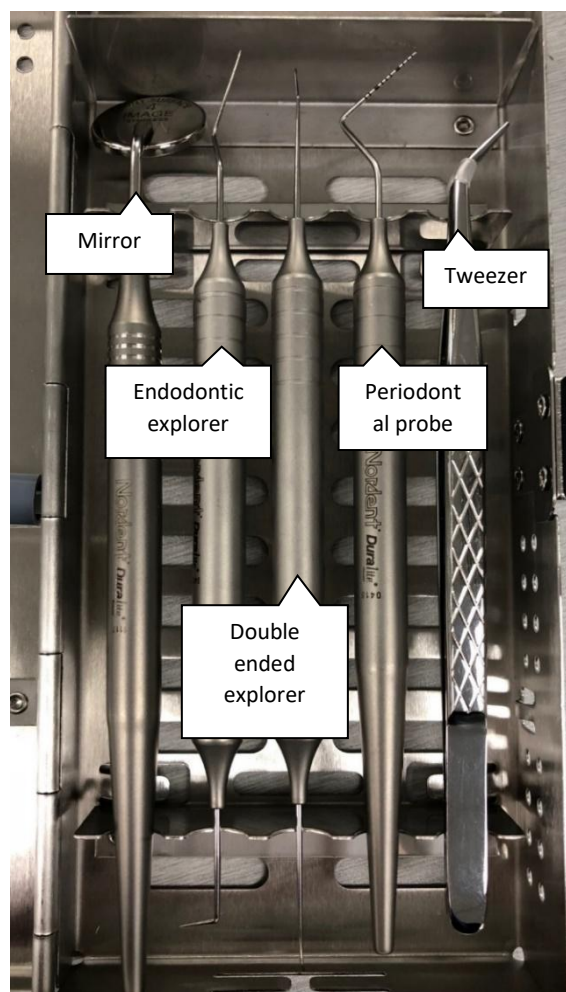
- Items required during breast-feeding (an additional refrigerator with freezer facilities is also available in the lockable, candidate services room in the candidate lounge)
- Feminine hygiene products.

Your health-related items can be presented in a non-transparent bag at the time of registration. An ADC staff member may inspect the contents of this bag and will provide you with further instructions on where your items will be located in the Examination Centre.

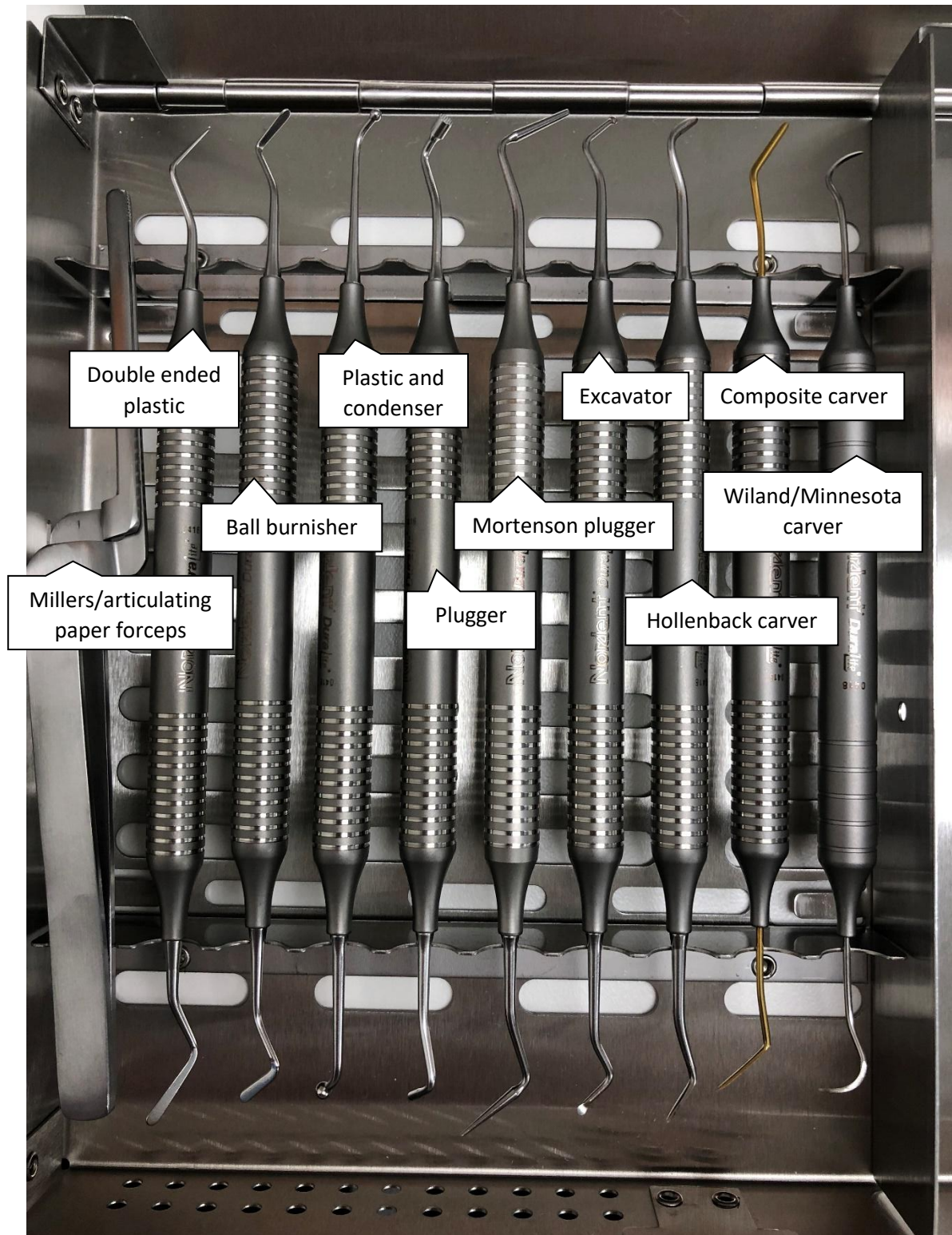
10. Which materials and instruments are available at the Examination Centre?

You will be provided with all the necessary equipment, materials and instruments for your examination. An indicative list of items is provided below. Please note, the ADC reserves the right to remove, add or substitute items were necessary.

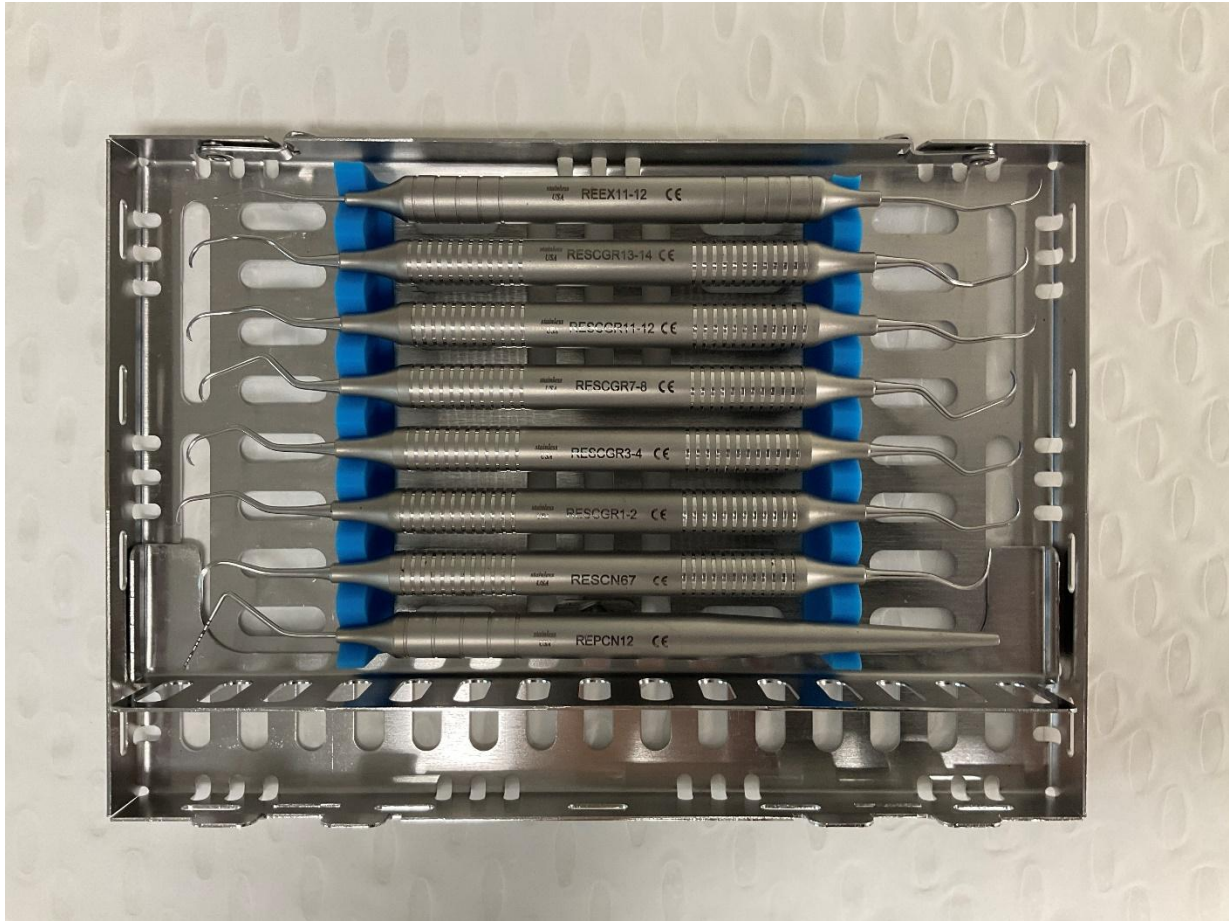
10.1. Examination kit



10.2. Restorative kit



10.3. Scaling kit



- Gracey 1/2
- Gracey 3/4
- Gracey 7/8
- Gracey 11/12
- Gracey 13/14
- Probe SE UNC 12
- Explorer 11/12
- Sickle scaler H6/H7

10.4. Burs and polishers



10.4.1. Diamond

- High speed Flat Fissure (110-010)
- High speed Flat Fissure (835-010)
- High speed Flat fissure (rounded) (290-012)
- High speed Fissure exploration (238-010)
- High speed Football (8379-018)
- High speed Round (801-010)
- High speed Flame (249-012)
- High speed Chamfer/torpedo (S6881-012)
- High speed Tapered torpedo (6878K-012)
- High speed Tapered (flat end) (173-012)

10.4.2. Tungsten carbide

- High speed fine finisher (135-014)
- Slow speed, round (H1-016) – size 6
- Slow speed, round (H1-014) – size 4
- Slow speed, round (H1-010) – size 2
- Slow speed, round (H1-006) – size ½

10.4.3. Additional finishing and polishing

- Enhance polishing disc
- Enhance polishing point
- Polishing discs, orange series (super fine, fine, medium, coarse), small and large (Soflex)
- Mandrel (Soflex)

10.5. Other instruments and equipment

10.5.1. Restorative

- Amalgam dispenser
- Amalgam well
- Amalgamators (Ultramat)
- Cement spatula
- Disposable scalpels and blades, size 15 (Swan Morton)
- Enamel hatchet
- Kavo handpiece – high speed
- Kavo handpiece – slow speed
- Mosquito forceps
- Plastic cups
- Plastic dappen dish
- Scissors
- Crimpers
- Temporisation material dispenser and tips (Protemp, 3M ESPE)
- Tofflemire retainer (adult and paedo)
- Trio v3 sectional matrix system, including wedgeguards
- Wooden wedges

10.5.2. Personal protective equipment

- Antimicrobial (Microshield, Angel)
- Ear loop mask (Halas)
- Gloves, latex-free, extra small, small, medium, large, extra-large (Microtouch)
- Handwash (Microshield)
- Long sleeve disposable gowns.
- Moisturising lotion (Microshield)
- Tie on mask (Halas)

10.6. Materials

- Adhesive (MasterDent)
- Amalgam - 2 spill, extended carving (Permite)
- Articulating paper (Bausch)
- Assorted wooden wedges (WIZARD)
- Caulking putty
- Celluloid strips
- Composite resin (Gradia X A3.5)
- Cotton rolls
- Etch (MasterDent)
- Fissure sealant (Clinpro)
- Stainless steel crown forms
- GIC Fuji 9 and 2
- Floss, ribbon
- Flowable composite (Filtek Supreme XTE)
- Gauze
- Impression putty
- Interproximal polishing strips, coarse – medium, centre-gap (Soflex)
- Microbrush

- Mixing pads
- Temporisation material (Protemp, 3M ESPE)
- Tofflemire matrix bands

11. What type of models and teeth are used in the technical skills day?

The ADC will provide special prepared typodont models (Columbia Dentoform) to be used for the restorative exercises.

These models will include combinations of teeth and dental tissues of the following types

- Plain Ivorine teeth that are of uniform colour and consistency.
- Simulated enamel that is white in colour and is made of composite resin that is harder than the simulated dentine and simulated caries. The teeth have been manufactured so that they can be prepared with a dental bur using normal pressure and, if desired, preparations can be finished using normal pressure with sharp hand instruments.
- Simulated dentine that is yellow in colour and is softer than the simulated enamel
- Simulated caries: The simulated caries in dentine is grey in colour and is softer than the simulated enamel but of similar hardness to the simulated dentine. In some anterior teeth, there is also a cavity in the simulated enamel on the proximal surface(s). This cavity extends through the simulated enamel into the simulated dentine and must be included as part of the preparation.
- The manufacturing process for teeth with simulated caries ensures that caries depth is standardized for each tooth used as part of the Assessment. As a result of the manufacturing process, there may be a small cement-filled space between the simulated enamel and the simulated dentine which may appear grey in colour. This is not simulated caries.
- Simulated pulp chamber and canals: The simulated dental pulp chamber and canals are hollow spaces lined with red colouring.

Please Note: The use of metal hand instruments in cavity preparations will leave a grey stain.

12. What support will be available to me on examination day?

12.1. Briefing and orientation

We will provide you with any required information before the start of your examination. Following your registration on each examination day, you will be briefed on the day's requirements and orientated with the equipment and Examination Centre.

12.2. Convenors and examiners

Convenors, examiners and ADC support staff will be available should you have any questions. However, convenors, examiners and ADC support staff will not be able to

advise on any questions relating to examination content, or matters which contribute to your examination grade.

12.3. Candidate services room

You may access the candidate services room (if unoccupied) during your examination. For your privacy, the candidate services room is not fitted with CCTV.

12.4. Breaks

Breaks are built into your examination. You must leave the examination area and return to the candidate lounge during scheduled breaks. You must not leave the candidate lounge during your examination, including examination breaks. Additionally, you may take a break from your examination and access the candidate lounge at any time during your examination. If you leave the candidate lounge during your exams or any examination break, you are leaving the Examination Centre and will not be permitted back into the Examination Centre during your examination.

12.5. ADC Administration

The ADC's administrative office is located in the same building as the ADC Examination Centre. We are therefore able to access your candidate records if required.

12.6. Closed-circuit television (CCTV)

Closed-circuit television (CCTV) operates throughout the Examination Centre. This includes the candidate lounge, corridors and all examination rooms (including the simulation clinic). CCTV does not operate in the candidate bathrooms or candidate services room.

The ADC Examination Centre has been designed to provide a low-stress environment, however, all examinations can be stressful. The ADC recommends you investigate strategies to help you manage your stress during the examination.

13. Where can I find more information about the practical examination?

We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the following ADC reference material prior to your examination:

- [The Australian Dental Council Practical examination handbook for dental hygiene and dental therapy](#)
- [The Australian Dental Council Misconduct Policy](#)
- [The Australian Dental Council Candidate Rules Agreement](#)

You are not permitted to bring any of these reference materials into your examination.

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

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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
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