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## Media Release

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**Australian Dental Council announces new examination centre for assessment of overseas qualified dental practitioners to be up and running by June 2018.**

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is pleased to announce an exciting new initiative to deliver the practical examination for overseas qualified dental practitioners. Commencing in approximately June 2018, the new Melbourne-based centre will facilitate access to examination opportunities for the large numbers of candidates currently unable to obtain access to a seat within the year of application. As part of the transition to the new Examination Centre the ADC will be reviewing the written examination validity requirements for 2018 practical examination places. Examinations will be run most weeks of the year during standard office hours. The purpose built, state-of-the art facility will provide a high quality candidate experience. This new initiative will also provide the ADC with an increased capacity to assess infection control and other areas of the professional competencies in a standardised environment.

The ADC Chief Executive Officer Ms Narelle Mills commented “The ADC has been diligent in its review of all options to address the increased burden on the practical examination component of the assessment process. We needed a scalable model which didn’t compromise our ability to assess the clinical competence of the candidates in the interest of public safety. This decision ticks all these boxes. It is important to note that the ADC is not increasing its assessment capacity to increase the number of practitioners applying for assessment, we are trying to ensure we are providing sufficient opportunities for current demand and maintaining the reliability and validity of the process. The ADC is looking forward to welcoming candidates and examiners to the new centre in 2018.”

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