

COVID-19 policy

Assessment and examinations

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1. Introduction

The COVID-19 Policy (the Policy) sets out the Australian Dental Council's (ADC) approach to support those candidates affected by COVID-19 related assessment postponements. This includes candidates with a valid initial assessment who were unable to sit an ADC written or practical examination in 2020 due to COVID-19 related ADC-initiated postponements of examinations.

2. Examination dates and application periods

The ADC is mindful of announcing new examination dates and application periods prematurely, or where there are risks of further postponements. Announcements regarding new application periods and examination dates will be made on the ADC website (www.adc.org.au) once it is certain that examinations can be delivered safely for everyone involved. Updates on upcoming examinations will be made as the information becomes available.

3. Booked examinations

Candidates who held a booked ADC examination at the time postponements were announced will be offered the first opportunity to sit an examination when examinations resume. If, when contacted by the ADC to confirm your rescheduled examination dates, you are unavailable for the new dates or your circumstances, such as international border restrictions, are prohibiting your ability to undertake the examination, or you no longer wish to undertake the assessment, please contact the ADC at written@adc.org.au regarding the written examination, or practical@adc.org.au to discuss your options.

4. Validity periods

4.1 Initial assessment validity

The ADC will not extend any initial assessment validity period. Candidates can apply for an initial assessment renewal following information available on the [ADC website](#).

4.2 Written examination validity

All candidates with a written examination expiring between October 2020 and November 2022 are provided with a one-year extension of their written examination validity. Candidates with a March 2020 written examination expiry who were booked into a postponed ADC practical examination will be offered one additional attempt at the practical examination at the next available opportunity, or may contact us at practical@adc.org.au if they wish to discuss options as per the *Booked examinations* section of this policy.