

# ARE YOU IN YOUR FINAL YEAR OF DENTAL SCHOOL AND PLANNING TO TAKE THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAM?

Then this information is for you. This short guide will help you navigate the steps from application to certification.

## Here is what you need to do:

### Create your NDEBConnect account.

When creating your NDEBConnect account, use an email address that you check regularly. All communication about your application and registration will be sent to this email.

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### Complete your application to the Certification Process

Complete your application by submitting the required documents before the application deadline. Details about the required documents can be found on the Certification Process How to Apply web page.

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### Application approval

Upon receipt of your documents, verification takes up to 10 business days. You will receive an email when your application is approved.

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### Register for the examination

Login to your NDEBConnect account and register for the exam. You can register for the Virtual OSCE within 4 months of your expected graduation date. Consult our How to Prepare web page for tools to help you prepare for the examination.

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### Take the Examination

Your exam location and schedule will be posted in your NDEBConnect account. Results of the exam will be released within 8 weeks of the exam. Check your email inbox for updates and next steps.

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### Submit proof of graduation

Proof of graduation must be received before you can be certified. Your Faculty will provide confirmation of graduation to us. You are not required to send anything to us unless we ask.

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### Get your certificate

When you have passed the Virtual OSCE and your graduation is confirmed by your university, you will be sent your NDEB certificate by regular mail.

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## Important dates & deadlines

Exam date:  
March 16, 2025

Application open:  
September 15, 2024

Application deadline:  
January 6, 2025

Registration opening:  
October 14, 2024

Registration deadline:  
January 21, 2025

You can find additional exam dates and deadlines on our Dates and Locations web page.

## What is the Virtual OSCE?

The Virtual OSCE is a summative examination that assesses the problem solving and critical decision-making skills required of beginning dental practitioners in Canada. Examination items are based on the knowledge, skills and abilities of beginning dental practitioners in Canada. The Virtual OSCE is the national standard of competence for dentists in Canada. The examination leads to NDEB certification and is required for licensure in Canada.

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