

Summary of Changes Class of 2026

CRDTS Dental Simulated Patient Examination

Part 1 DCTP – Time allotment 1 hour.

Part II Endodontics:

Three grading criteria in the Posterior Endodontics portion of the examination have been amended, as shown below:

- Integrity of Oblique Ridge- Measure from the distal-oblique groove
 - SAT - Greater or equal to 3.0mm
 - ACC - Greater than 2.0mm but less than 3.0mm
 - SUB - Greater than 1.0mm but less than 2.0mm
 - DEF - Less than or equal to 1.00mm

- Pulp Tissue Debridement
 - SAT - All Pulp Tissue is removed.
 - ACC - Pulp tissue remains but is not on the floor or covering the orifice of the canals.
 - SUB - Pulp tissue remains on the floor and covers 1 or more of the canal orifices.
 - DEF - All Pulp tissue remains.

- Pulp Horn Removal
 - SAT- All Pulp Horns are removed through the access opening.
 - ACC- One or two of the pulp horns are not removed through the access opening.
 - SUB- All pulp horns have not been fully removed.

- Penalty points will be assessed for:
 - Rubber Dam remnants
 - Pencil marks on teeth
 - Uncleanliness of models when turned in that would impede visual assessment of the procedure

Part III Fixed Prosthodontics:

CRDTS will be utilizing Acadental Prime Layer bilayer teeth, similar in enamel hardness to teeth #3, 5 and 9, adjacent to the examination teeth for the fixed prosthodontic examination.

Criteria of the Anterior Lithium Disilicate Ceramic Crown Preparation – Lingual Wall Height ranges have been reduced by 0.5 mm to accommodate for the OS3 M300 teeth, as follows:

- Lingual Wall Height
 - SAT- The lingual wall height is optimally 1.0 mm or more.
 - ACC- The lingual wall height is 0.5-1.0mm.
 - SUB- The lingual wall height is less than .5mm.
 - DEF- There is no lingual wall.

- Penalty points will be assessed for:
 - Marks on teeth
 - Uncleanliness of models when turned in that would impede visual assessment of the procedure

Part IV Periodontal:

Gingival recession measurements on the buccal and lingual of two teeth in the quadrant selected for periodontal treatment will be added to the periodontal progress sheet.

Part V Restorative:

CRDTS will be utilizing Acidental Prime Layer bilayer teeth, similar in enamel hardness to teeth #3, 8 and 13, adjacent to the examination teeth for the Class II and Class III preparation procedures on the restorative examination.

It continues to be emphasized that the Class II preparation **CANNOT** be a slot preparation.

Criteria changes are noted in the restorative criteria shown below:

- Outline Shape/Continuity/Extension
 - SAT- The outline form is smooth, rounded and flowing with no sharp curves or angles.
 - SUB- The outline form is inappropriately overextended so that it compromises the remaining marginal ridge/oblique ridge, and/or cusp(s). The outline form is underextended and does not incorporate occlusal pits and grooves.
 - DEF- The outline form is inappropriately overextended so that it compromises, undermines and leaves unsupported the remaining marginal ridge/oblique ridge to the extent that the cavosurface margin is unsupported by dentin or the width of the marginal ridge/oblique ridge, is less than 1mm.

- Penalty points will be assessed for:
 - Bonding agent
 - Rubber Dam remnants
 - Marks on teeth
 - Uncleanliness of models when turned in that would impede visual assessment of the procedure

Fees: See website.

Retakes: See CRDTS Retake Policy below

If a candidate does not achieve a score at or above a 75% on a procedure, a 2nd Attempt retake option is available on-site after the dental examination has been completed at most examination sites. Each procedure has an allotted amount of time to complete. Within an examination part, only the procedure(s) with a sub-75% score need to be retaken. The exception to this is in Part III, Prosthodontics. If the Bridge Factor has a sub-75% score, both posterior crown preparations on teeth #3 and #5 will need to be retaken. Beyond the complimentary first procedure retake fee, a retake fee will be assessed for additional retake procedures on a per procedure schedule. (See Website). A candidate has up to 5 hours of retake time available for on-site retakes. If a candidate has more than 5 hours of retake time on- site, they must finish remaining retake procedures at another date.

Candidates retaking the CRDTS examination must sign a retake form stating that they have checked with their state board about their number of attempts policy.

A 3rd Attempt may be offered to candidates that do not achieve a score at or above a 75% on their second attempt. A 14-day waiting period is imposed between the second and third attempts.

If following the CIF Format, all retakes must be taken within 60 days after graduation or else all Parts of the examination must be retaken in the Traditional Format.

All attempts will be reported on score reports.

Additional Information: Occlusal opening limiting rods will be inserted by CFE's prior to giving a starting check for all procedures.