

# **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

for

**FOREIGN DENTAL GRADUATE-SCREENING TEST**

for

**INDIAN NATIONALS/OCI & PIO CARD  
HOLDER**

with

**FOREIGN DENTAL QUALIFICATIONS  
2019**

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## CONTACT US

1. Please make use of the information in this information bulletin & website ([www.natboard.edu.in](http://www.natboard.edu.in)) to guide you through the entire process and help to answer most of your queries.
  
2. In case, you are still facing any issues, then NBE Candidate Care Support is available at the following phone numbers and email:  
Helpline Number : 1800111700/1800111800 (Toll Free)  
Email : [mail@natboard.edu.in](mailto:mail@natboard.edu.in)  
Official Website : [www.natboard.edu.in](http://www.natboard.edu.in)
  
3. Phone support will be available during these times:
  - **30<sup>th</sup> July –31<sup>st</sup> September 2019: 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM from Monday to Friday**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 (Examination day)**
  - **NBE Candidate Care will be closed on Saturday/Sunday & Gazetted holidays.**
  
4. **Important websites:**
  - a. **National Board of Examinations: [www.natboard.edu.in](http://www.natboard.edu.in)**
  - b. **Dental Council of India: [www.dciindia.org.in](http://www.dciindia.org.in)**

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## **i. DISCLAIMER**

The responsibility of NBE is limited to the conduct of Foreign Dental Graduate Screening Test, declaration of the result and handling of the result to DCI. NBE has no role in document verification and eligibility determination; these shall be undertaken by DCI.

Candidates are advised to read the Information Bulletin carefully and go through the instructions regarding conduct of Dental Screening Test.

NBE disclaims any liability that may arise to candidate(s) due to incorrect information provided by the candidate during submission of application form.

## ii. IMPORTANT DATES

Availability of Information Bulletin	10 <sup>th</sup> August, 2019
Issue of Admit Card	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2019
Examination Date	1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2019
Declaration of Results	By 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019

### **Instructions:**

Admit cards to the candidates will be issued on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019(as per list provided by DCI). Candidates will be able to download them from the website [www.natboard.edu.in](http://www.natboard.edu.in) using their name and date of birth.

## 1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1.1. Applicants may kindly note that appearance in Screening Test does not confer any automatic rights to secure provisional or permanent registration with the Dental Council of India or any State Dental Council.
- 1.2. The Dental Screening Test shall be held on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 at Delhi only**.
- 1.3. Candidates should go carefully through the INFORMATION BULLETIN for scheme, and pattern of examination etc. before contacting NBE for any related queries. Queries pertaining other issues shall only be entertained if the information requested is not given in this bulletin.
- 1.4. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way they are or are ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBE is bound to follow the same in future.
- 1.5. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/ terms/rules/ criteria regarding the conduct of examinations/information contained herein, the interpretation of National Board of Examinations will be final and binding.
- 1.6. Candidates MUST bring to the exam centre the following documents. Unfair means case shall be registered against the candidate submitting False/Forged documents.
  1. Printed copy of Admit card with photo pasted on it. AND
  2. Any one of the authorized photo IDs\*\* (must be **original** and **valid/non-expired**):
    - PAN card
    - Voter ID
    - Passport
    - Driving License
    - Aadhar Card (with Photograph)

“In case, any candidate reports to the exam center with e-Aadhaar card with Aadhar number printed on it as proof of identity, the e-Aadhaar card should be a good quality colour print out with clearly visible photograph. The photograph should not have kinks, scratches and stains, and should definitely match with the candidate presenting the e-Aadhaar card. Decision of NBE in this regard shall be final”.

\*\*The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit card. If name has been changed due to events such as marriage, candidate must show the relevant document mentioned at the time of exam (Marriage Certificate/ Divorcee Decree/ Legal Name Change Document).

**The examination centre staff on duty is authorized to verify the identity of candidates and may take steps to verify and record the identity of candidates. Candidates are required to extend requisite cooperation.**

- 1.7. All the correspondence should preferably be addressed by e-mail. The e-mail query shall be addressed only if it is not anonymous and contains the name, postal address and contact telephone number of the sender. An e-mail containing vague or general queries that are contained in the Information Bulletin shall not be entertained. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representative/ associates or officiates of the applicant candidate.
- 1.8. Candidates are advised to familiarize themselves with the route and location of the exam centre which shall be informed to them from admit card.
- 1.9. Possession/Use of mobile phones/Electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the premises of NBE exam Centres. Candidates shall be liable for penal action for Possession/ Use of Mobile phones/ Electronic devices.
- 1.10. Applicants should go through the information bulletin carefully before writing to NBE for any query.
- 1.11. Notifications, regulations etc. issued by Government of India/ Dental Council of India may be referred for eligibility criteria, pattern, schedule of exam.
- 1.12. The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of competent courts at Delhi/New Delhi only.

## 2. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

### Foreign Dental Graduate- Screening Test (FDG-ST)

- 2.1. The exam consists of two question papers, comprising of 100 and 150 multiple choice, single correct response questions in English language only. The exam shall be held on 01<sup>st</sup> September 2019.
- 2.2. The examination shall be a multiple-choice question delivered as conventional pen & paper-based exam.
- 2.3. Negative Marking: There shall be no negative marking.
- 2.4 Each Question carries one mark.
- 2.5 There will be no grace marks.
- 2.6 The candidate has to score 50% in each paper individually to qualify for appearing the viva-voce examination.
- 2.7 BDS-Viva Voce Examination - 50  
The candidate has to separately score 50% in the viva-voce examination.
- 2.8. Allocation of time for the FDG-ST shall be as follows:

Activities	Paper – 1	Paper - 2
	(10:00 AM-12:00 PM)	(2:00 PM-05:00 PM)
Allow Candidates to enter the examination centre	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Entry closes at Examination Center	9:30 AM	1:30 PM
Exam Start Time	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Exam End Time	12:00 AM	5:00 PM

**Note:** FDG-ST is divided into two question papers of 100 and 150 questions with time allocation of 120 minutes and 180 minutes respectively. There is a scheduled break between the two papers of two hours.

Candidates are required to report at the 'Reporting Counter' at 9:00 AM for Paper-1 and 1:00 PM for Paper -2 (one hour prior to the start time). The reporting counter will close 30 minutes prior to the exam start time. Candidate who fails to report to the reporting counter by the stipulated time as indicated above shall not be allowed to exam

- 2.9. Results (Pass/Fail) for eligible candidates will be displayed on NBE website. There is no provision for re-totaling/re-evaluation.
- 2.10. There are no restrictions on number of attempts that can be availed by an applicant.

### 3. ADMIT CARD & EXAM DAY DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The examination shall be conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.
- 3.2. Candidates will be informed regarding their exam venue on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 through the admit card.
- 3.3. Admit card will be issued to the candidate on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 by NBE. Candidates will be informed through SMS alerts and Public Notice regarding downloading of the admit card from website. Candidates are required to download their admit card from the website and affix their latest passport size photograph in the space provided on the admit card. Admit card will not be sent to the candidates by Post. The photograph should have the following specifications:
- Size of photograph : minimum 35x45 mm with at least 75% coverage of face & head of the candidate.
  - A caption indicating the name of the candidate and date of capturing the photograph should be there at the bottom of the photograph.
  - Background of the Photograph : white
  - The photograph needs to display full front view of the face. Please look directly into the camera with a neutral expression.
  - Please avoid photograph with reflection or shadow on the face with red eyes.
  - The photograph needs to be printed on a high quality paper with at least 600 dpi Resolutions.
  - The photograph must not have kinks, scratches and stains.
- 3.4. Candidates MUST bring to the exam centre the following documents: (Unfair means case shall be registered against the candidates submitting false/ forged documents.)
- Printed copy of the Admit Card with Photo of the candidate pasted on it;  
&
  - Any one of the authorized photo IDs\*\* (must be original, valid and non-expired)
    - i. PAN card
    - ii. Driving License
    - iii. Voter ID
    - iv. Passport
    - v. Aadhar Card(with photograph)
- “In case, any candidate reports to the exam center with e-Aadhaar card with Aadhaar number printed on it as proof of identity, the e-Aadhaar card should be a good quality colour print out with clearly visible photograph. The photograph should not have kinks, scratches and stains, and should definitely match with the candidate presenting the e-Aadhaar card. Decision of NBE in this regard shall be final”.

\*\* The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit card. If the name has been changed due to events such as marriage; candidate must show the relevant document at the time of exam.

- 3.5. Candidates may kindly note that they have to report by the time as indicated in the admit card. and in this Information Bulletin. Candidates reporting late or beyond the prescribed time shall not be allowed to appear in the exam under any circumstances.
- 3.6. Candidates are advised to acquaint themselves with the exam centre location one day prior to the testing day and ensure that they report to the exam centre within the prescribed time.

## 4. EXAM CENTRES FOR FDG-ST 2019, REPORTING AT EXAM CENTRE & EXAM DAY PROCEDURE

- 4.1. The examination centre shall be in Delhi only. Candidates shall appear at the exam centre indicated on their Admit Cards at their own cost.

Candidates will be informed regarding their exam venue on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 through the admit card.

- a) **Exam Centre Location:** Exact address and location of the exam centres shall be indicated in the admit card. Candidates are advised to familiarize themselves with the exam centre locations at least one day prior to the examination day and ensure that they report for the exam as per scheduled time only. Candidates are required to plan their travel accordingly.
- b) Candidates have to reach the exam centres on or before the reporting time, that is, one hour prior to the exam start time. Candidates may note that they will not be allowed entry to the exam centre after 9:30 AM for the morning session and after 1:30 PM for the afternoon session. NBE shall not be responsible for any delayed arrival of the candidate in reaching the centre due to any reason.
- c) All candidates at the exam centre shall be frisked by security guards as per the security protocol and thumb impression shall be captured.
- d) Identity checks will be made upon arrival at the exam centre to ensure that there are no unauthorized candidates appearing for the exam. Candidates are required to cooperate with the security checks.
- e) Please note that only the candidates who have been issued admit card will be allowed at the examination centre subject to fulfillment of documentary requirements.
- f) Friends or relatives accompanying the candidates will not be allowed entry in the examination centre under any circumstances and will not be allowed to contact the candidate while the examination process is ongoing.

### 4.2. REPORTING OF CANDIDATES TO THE CENTRE

- a) The candidates should arrive at the exam centre at the reporting time mentioned in the admit card on the day of scheduled appointment. This will allow time for security checks, identity verification and checking in for examination. Candidates are required to report at the 'Reporting Counter' at 9:00 AM for Paper One and 1:00 PM for Paper Two (One hour prior to the start time). The reporting counter will close 30 minutes prior to the exam start time. Candidate who fails to report to the reporting counter by the stipulated time as indicated above shall not be allowed to exam
- b) Candidates MUST bring to the exam centre the following documents:
  1. Printed copy of Admit card with photo pasted on it. AND
  2. Any one of the authorized photo IDs\*\* (must be **original** and **valid/non-expired**):
    - PAN card
    - Voter ID
    - Passport

- Driving License
- Aadhaar Card (with photograph)

“In case, any candidate reports to the exam center with e-Aadhaar card with Aadhaar number printed on it as proof of identity, the e-Aadhaar card should be a good quality colour print out with clearly visible photograph. The photograph should not have kinks, scratches and stains, and should definitely match with the candidate presenting the e-Aadhaar card. Decision of NBE in this regard shall be final”.

\*\*The name on the photo identification must match with the name as shown on the Admit card. If name has been changed due to events such as marriage, candidate must show the relevant document mentioned at the time of exam (Marriage Certificate/Divorcee Decree/ Legal Name Change Document).

- c) Candidates without valid ID proof shall not be allowed to enter the examination premises.

#### **4.3. SECURITY AT THE EXAMINATION CENTRE**

Candidates will not be allowed to take the following items inside the examination center under any circumstances. All the candidates will be subjected to compulsory frisking before entering the examination center:

- Any stationery item like textual material (printed or written), notes, Plastic Pouch, Calculator, Pen, Writing Pad, Pen Drives, Eraser, etc..**
- Any electronic device like Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphones, Microphone, Pager, wrist watch/Health Band, Calculator, Electronic Pen/ Scanner etc.**
- All ornaments like bracelets, Ring, Earrings, Nose-pin, Chain/Necklace, Pendants, Necklace with pendants, Badge, Brooch etc.**
- Other items like Wallet, Goggles, Handbags, Belt, Cap etc.**
- Any eatable item opened or packed, soft drinks, water bottle etc.**
- Any other item which could be used for unfair means, for hiding communication devices like wireless/Bluetooth device, spy camera etc.**

Left/Right thumb prints of all the candidates will be taken and candidates are requested to cooperate with this essential activity to avoid any cases of impersonation. This is a security feature which will ensure that only genuine and bonafide candidate appear for the exam. Photograph and signature of the candidates shall also be captured on the exam day at the centre.

#### **4.4. EXAMINATION DAY PROCEDURES**

- After verification of ID, candidates will be escorted to the designated desk at the exam centre.
- Candidates are required to keep their admit card and photo identification at all times during the conduct of examination.
- Candidates are required to listen to the invigilator's instructions to begin the exam.
- Any suspicious or disruptive behavior on part of the candidate may lead to cancellation of candidature.
- For any issues during the exam, candidate may raise his or her hand to notify the Invigilator.

## 5. CAUTION NOTICE, UNFAIR MEANS, DISCLAIMER

### 5.1. Caution Notice

- a) Candidates are advised to refer to NBE website **www.natboard.edu.in** and Information Bulletin for authentic information and periodic updates about the FDG-ST.
- b) Candidates are advised not to be allured by claims of any party or person or institute for qualifying dental screening test.
- c) NBE does not make any phone calls to any candidate or issues any communication regarding the change of rank/marks obtained in any of the exams conducted by NBE or for any other such thing which is against the provisions of law.
- d) Candidates are cautioned not to be misled by any such false and bogus claims regarding change of marks, result or rank.

Candidates are advised to bring any such information to notice of NBE by e-mail at **mail@natboard.edu.in**

### 5.2. Unfair Means –

If during the course of training/examination, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have use unfair means.

- o If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her application form for admission to the examinations / counseling /training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations of NBE by making a false statement or by production of a false document .
- o If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/ her by the Board.
- Use/possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not).
- Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.
- Anything written on any part of clothing, body, desk, table or any instrument such as setsquare, protractor, blotting paper and question paper etc.
- Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
- Change of seat without the permission of Examination Superintendent.
- Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the examination center.
- Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall to toilet or to any other place.
- Impersonation.
- Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.

- Smuggling out Question Paper or its part; or smuggling out answer book/ supplementary answer sheet or part thereof.
- Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him/her.
- If the answer books show that a candidate has received or given help to any other candidate through copying.
- Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening of any of the candidates.
- Found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or copying from unauthorized material.
- Disclosing his/her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his/her answer book/continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.
- Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBE or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information Technology systems.
- Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBE or Technology Partner(s).
- Candidate appearing in FDG-ST is ineligible to appear in any other NBE exams till such time the candidate qualifies FDG-ST and is registered by Dental Council of India / State Dental Council, a candidate appearing in FDG-ST and other exams in the same session is an unfair means case and is to be dealt accordingly.
- Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurize an examiner, or any officer or official connected with the examinations of the NBE or its technology partner, either at the Board or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.
- If at any stage if it is found that the candidate has appeared multiple times in the same session of examination or has appeared in same or different examination of NBE with different names, unfair means case shall be registered against such candidate and dealt accordingly.
- Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of NBE/DCI in this regard shall be final.
- Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.
- A candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examination center and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.
- A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like setsquares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or papers or material found with him/her or found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.
- Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the DCI/NBE, which may

vary from cancellation of the examination/expulsion up to next 14 attempts/7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by DCI/NBE Ethics Committee after considering each case.

The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to vitiate the sanctity of the examination in decision of NBE shall be taken up as unfair means.

- 5.3. Disclaimer** - The decision of NBE shall be final and binding for declaration of any person /candidate guilty of foregoing or such offence as shall be classified as UMC.

## 6. RESULT

- a) Result – (Pass/Fail) for eligible candidates shall be displayed on NBE website.
- b) An applicant shall be declared as having passed only if he/she scores 50% in each paper individually to qualify for appearing in the viva-voce examination.
- c) Viva-Voce examination consists of 50 marks. The candidate has to score 50% in the viva-voce examination i.e. 25 / 50.
- d) The scheme regarding delivery of authenticated copy of the result shall be indicated on the website at the time of declaration of result.
- e) The results for the written examination are likely to be declared by **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.**

## 7. SYLLABUS

### FOREIGN DENTAL GRADUATE - (SCREENING TEST) BLUE PRINT

Distribution of Subject and marks for BDS Graduates. (As per Gazette notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

Subject	No. of MCQs for BDS
	<b>Paper I</b>
Anatomy	10
Physiology	10
Biochemistry	10
Microbiology	10
Pathology	10
Pharmacology	10
General Medicine	20
General Surgery	20
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>100</b>

Subject	No. of MCQs for BDS
	<b>Paper II</b>
Dental Anatomy & Histology	10
Dental Materials	10
Oral Pathology	10
Oral Microbiology	10
Oral Medicine	10
Oral Radiology	10
Oral Surgery	10
Periodontics	10
Orthodontics	10
Community / Public Health Dentistry	10
Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry	10
Prosthodontics Crown & Bridge	20
Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics	20
<b>Total Questions</b>	<b>150</b>

BDS Paper II- Specialty Questions in the respective subjects-150

- (i) Duration of Paper-I is 120 Minutes & paper II is 180 Minutes.
- (ii) Each question carries one mark.
- (iii) There will be no negative marking.
- (iv) There will be no grace marks.
- (v) The candidate has to score 50% in each paper individually to qualify for appearing in the viva-voce examination.

BDS-Viva-voce examination - 50

The candidate has to separately score 50% in the viva-voce examination.

For other details, DCI Screening Test Regulations, 2009 as amended from time to time may kindly be referred to DCI Website i.e. <http://www.dciindia.gov.in>

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