



# COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

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## **SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE MAY 2012**

### **Updates Respecting 2012 Written and Clinical Examinations**

Since my last update, we have proposed some small but significant changes for this year's examination and processes to promote the principles of fairness, objectivity, and transparency. To this end, the College has retained the services of Dr. Anthony Marini, a respected psychometrician with recognized expertise in examinations and testing. While Dr. Marini advises that major changes cannot be made to the examination at this late stage, we continue to work towards doing what we can do for this year. Accordingly, below I have listed some of the changes being made for this year, and include rationale where possible, for your information.

1. Increased time (an hour for each part) will be permitted for the written (MCQ) part of the qualifying examination (now 9am-12 noon and 1-3pm)

*\*Rationale- it is customary practice in the examination world to allow a minimum of one minute per multiple choice questions- the increased time will allow just over 1.5 minutes per question. As always, candidates may leave the examination when they have finished.*

2. The 2012 Candidate Examination Protocol is almost ready. The Protocol will be provided to all examination candidates and also available on the website for members and all other interested persons and stakeholders to view. New this year, the examination criteria and the weighting (percentages) assigned to each- for both the written and practical parts of the examination are also included in this year's protocol.

*\*Rationale- these changes are being made in the spirit of transparency and fairness to ensure candidates and educators understand the criteria against which the candidates are being tested and the weights assigned to each area.*

3. Performance reports will be provided to all candidates for both the written and practical examinations setting out how the candidate performed in each area (ie met, exceeded, or failed to meet) and how the candidate performed in relation to the larger group who also took the examination.

*\*Rationale- this information is meant to help the candidates understand where they met, exceeded or failed to meet the requirements in each area of testing.*

### **Other Updates**

Elections in three electoral districts have proceeded with two acclamations being declared at the close of nominations on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be welcoming incumbent Luc Tran (District 6) and new member Keith Collins (District 8) to the Council table. The election in District 7 is proceeding.

We continue to await news from the government respecting the appointment of new public members to Council and once Council is again constituted, we will be able to schedule a Council meeting.

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