



COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

## **Supervisor's Report- June/July 2012**

### **New Proposed Operating By-Laws Posted for Consultation Feedback requested by September 4, 2012**

At its meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Council of the College of Denturists of Ontario considered newly revised bylaws proposed by the Supervisor and College legal counsel Richard Steinecke. These new bylaws will replace the existing bylaws and while some content remains the same, there are many amendments. Significant proposals include a special fee levy on all registrants this year to cover 'extraordinary' expenses not included in the existing budget for this year. Such expenses include but are not limited to defense of pending actions against the College; the engagement of a psychometric consultant to assist with this year's exam and processes; and an urgent need to proceed this year with development of entry level competencies for newly registered denturists.

The proposed bylaws are available as a link and also in downloadable format on the College website [www.denturists-cdo.com](http://www.denturists-cdo.com)

### **Report on the 2012 Licensing Examinations**

The results for the 2012 CDO Qualifying Exam have recently been released to the Candidates

### **MCO Written Examination**

As previously reported, some changes were made to the written examination including increasing the allotted time by a total of 2 hours and conducting a psychometric analysis of each item (question) on the results before final scoring to ensure that each item performed as expected. In such psychometric analysis, items that do not 'work' as expected are eliminated from scoring.

A total of 55 candidates completed the written exam. The overall pass rate for all candidates sitting the exam was 65.4%. The pass rate for new candidates only was 71.4%.

### **Practical Examination- Projects A, B, C and D**

Four projects make up the practical section of the exam. The pass rate for each project is reported below for all 47 candidates attempting one or all projects in Table 1. As the table below indicates, the performance in each project was strong with a pass rate for each at or above 80%.

Table 1: Percentage Pass for all Candidates for each Project and Overall Pass Rate

Project	Pass Rate for each Project
Project A	90.2% (n=41)
Project B	82.1% (n=39)
Project C	85.4% (n=41)
Project D	90.2% (n=41)
	Overall Pass Rate 60%

While performance in each of the individual projects was strong, a candidate currently must obtain a minimum score of 70% in each project and this resulted in an overall pass rate for the practical exam of 60%. The pass rate for new candidates only on this component of the exam was 52%.

Prior to arriving at the candidate scores, an item analysis for both the written exam and projects was undertaken to ensure that all items included in the scoring performed in the anticipated fashion. Necessary adjustments were made to ensure fairness and integrity of scoring. Moreover, for any project obtaining a final percent score between 65% and 69%, (70% is the required pass score for each project) a recheck of the scoring was completed.

### **Going Forward**

Over the next year, the College will work, in partnership with other provinces and stakeholders towards the development of national entry level competencies for denturists in Canada. Once developed, these will form the basis of educational outcomes against which undergraduate educational programs will have to be based and accredited, and for an examination blueprint for what we hope will be a national licensing examination for denturists in Canada.

In the meantime, College staff and committees will be working with Dr Anthony Marini, our psychometric consultant, to determine how the examination and its associated processes may be improved over the next year.

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