

# ABAGD Accreditation Candidate Handout

American Board of Advanced General Dentistry (ABAGD)

## Overview

ABAGD accreditation recognizes general dentists who demonstrate wide knowledge and deep competency across the full scope of dentistry, coupled with ethical practice and a commitment to lifelong learning. This handout summarizes eligibility, examination format, timelines, maintenance requirements, and key policies.

## Eligibility (Summary)

- Licensed dentist in good standing (jurisdiction details required at application).
- Evidence of broad clinical experience and advanced competence across disciplines.
- Documentation: current license; curriculum vitae; comprehensive case log; continuing education record; signed ethics/professionalism attestation.

## Examination Structure

### *Part I — Written Examination*

- Format: 350 best-answer questions.
- Duration: 4 hours.
- Administration: once per year.
- Primary emphasis: diagnosis, treatment planning, and evidence-based decision-making across all major disciplines.

### *Part II — Oral Examination*

- Eligibility: upon passing Part I.
- Two components: (1) case-based treatment planning from Board-provided cases; (2) oral examination with calibrated examiners across disciplines.
- Disciplines include: periodontics, restorative dentistry, prosthodontics, oral & maxillofacial surgery, endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral medicine/pathology, public health, dental materials/implants, radiology, anesthesia, infection control, and ethics.
- Administration: once per year, scheduled  $\geq 3$  months after Part I.

## Timeline & Attempts

- After eligibility approval, candidates have 3 calendar years to sit and pass both parts. No extensions.
- If a part is failed, the pathway restarts and prior passes do not carry forward.
- Specific yearly dates and registration windows are announced on the ABAGD website.

## Maintenance of Accreditation (Annual)

- Maintain active licensure in good standing.

- Complete required CME/CPD points annually (details provided on the candidate portal/website).
- Comply with ABAGD ethics and professionalism standards; cooperate with audits as requested.

## **Application Checklist**

- Completed online application form.
- Government identification and dental license details.
- Curriculum vitae.
- Comprehensive case log summary (with anonymized patient data).
- Continuing education transcript/record.
- Ethics & professionalism attestation (signed).
- Accommodation requests (if needed) with supporting documentation.
- Payment of applicable fees (if invoiced).

## **Policies (Important)**

- Exam security: sharing or reproducing exam content is prohibited and may result in invalidation and loss of eligibility.
- Identification: valid government photo ID required for each exam session.
- Conduct: professionalism is required throughout; disruptive behavior may result in dismissal.
- Appeals: procedures and deadlines are published with results notifications.
- Accommodations: reasonable testing accommodations are available upon documented request.

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