

**CDRAF 2025 Report to
Royal College of Dentists of Canada
September 2025**

The Canadian Dental Regulatory Authorities Federation (CDRAF) is pleased to present this update on activities during the past 12 months.

1. CDRAF Officers – 2024-2025

The following appointments were made, effective October 18, 2024.

Dr. Randall Croutze, Chair
Dr. Chris Hacker, Vice-Chair
Dr. Dean Zimmer, Treasurer

2. National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE)

The Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC) provides regular updates to the CDRAF Board on its progress on the NDSE project plan, including timelines and status of meetings, communication, financials, examination development, delivery and results, and competency profile review.

The following CDRAF Board members are members of the NDSE Committee:

- Dr. Randall Croutze
- Caroline Daoust
- Daniel Faulkner

Dr. Jack Gerrow attends NDSE Committee meetings as an observer. The committee has worked well and is providing in depth oversight of the NDSE process.

3. National Competency Standards for Dental Specialists

At the April 2024 Board meeting, a pilot project was approved involving the development of Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSAs) for a beginning periodontist in Canada. The pilot was conducted in collaboration with the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC). A working group developed a draft document that was widely circulated for feedback and approved by the CDRAF Board at its meeting in April 2025. The same process is being

followed to develop KSAs for the other nine dental specialties for completion by 2027.

4. Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDAC)

CDRAF continues to support CDAC's new governance structure with CDRAF representation on CDAC's Board of Directors as well as representation on its Standards Review and Accreditation Review Committees. CDRAF is collaborating with CDAC on ensuring that the CDAC budget is transparent and presents an accurate accounting of the costs for each CDAC program and on promoting greater transparency, of accreditation reports.

5. National Dental Examining Board of Canada – National Repository

The CDRAF Board gave its endorsement to NDEB to explore development of a national repository for DRAs and looks forward to working with NDEB on this initiative.

6. CDRAF Multi-Stakeholder Working Group to review Certification Processes

One of the CDRAF strategic plan initiatives is to “Collaborate with the National Dental Examining Board of Canada and other stakeholders to ensure that the certification processes for graduates of accredited and non-accredited undergraduate dental programs are fair, reliable, valid, accessible, and timely”.

The CDRAF Board established a Working Group comprised of representatives from ACFD, NDEB and CDRAF to review the current examination processes and make suggestions for enhancement and modification where necessary.

CDRAF supported the ACFD's application to Employment and Social Development Canada for funding a new pathway to facilitate the certification process for internationally trained dentists who are closer to meeting the minimum competency standards of a Canadian trained dental graduate. Dr. Jack Gerrow and Dan Faulkner are on the ACFD Project Steering Committee.

The Working Group will meet in December to review the NDEB examination processes and the development of the ACFD Bridge Training to Dental Practice in Canada Program, amongst other items.

7. Working Group on Oral Health Care Provided Remotely

This Working Group developed considerations on Remotely Provided Oral Health Care, that were approved by the CDRAF Board at its meeting on August 14, 2025. The approved document, together with resources utilized by the Working Group, are posted on the CDRAF website. The Working Group has now completed its mandate and has been disbanded.

8. Embrace and Promote Cultural Safety, Reconciliation and Humility

The CDRAF strategic plan has 'Embracing and Promoting Cultural Safety, Reconciliation and Humility' as a strategic objective. It includes Land Acknowledgements in each meeting, workshops, discussions and presentations from Indigenous leaders.

During the August 2025 CDRAF Board meeting, the Board was provided with a personal and effective presentation from Katy Carson, Director of Cultural Safety and Humility at the British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP) on incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing into practice.

9. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

The DRAs shared reports on their EDI initiatives at the August 2025 CDRAF Board meeting.