



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

**COLLEGE OF
DENTAL HYGIENISTS** INC.

Policy Title: Registration Requirements: Graduation from Non – Accredited Program or an International Program

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Purpose The purpose of this policy is to outline the registration requirements for dental hygienists who graduated from a non – accredited program and an international program.

Definitions

- **Accredited Program:** A dental hygiene program in Canada or the US that has been officially recognized by a relevant accrediting body (CDAC).
- **Non-Accredited Program:** A dental hygiene program in Canada or the US that has not been officially recognized by a relevant accrediting body.
- **International Program:** Received dental hygiene education outside of Canada or the US.
- **Equivalency:** The process of assessing and recognizing the educational qualifications of a dental hygienist from a non-accredited program as comparable to those from an accredited program.

Policy Statements

1. Applicants who have graduated from non-accredited program or an international program must apply for an equivalency assessment with the Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada (FDHRC).

2. Applicants must pass the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination.
3. Applicants must pass the Canadian Performance Examination in Dental Hygiene (CPEDH).