



Launch of the new QAP Assessment Tool

As announced in the June edition of Access, the development of the QAP Assessment Tool has been brought 'in-house' at the College, and it will now be hosted on a new assessment platform. The new QAP Assessment Tool will be available for registrants beginning on January 6, 2021 and it reflects the College's continued work towards meeting our mission of regulatory excellence in the public interest. Registrants are encouraged to view the short [QAP Assessment Tool Question Type Video](#) for a preview of the various new question types and format.

The QAP Assessment Tool will remain an online, open-book assessment designed to measure registrants' knowledge, application and critical-thinking abilities related to real life dental hygiene practice through a BC lens. With the transition to the new innovative question types, a decision has been made to reduce the number of items on the new QAP Assessment Tool from 75 to 70. Another change of note is that as of January 6, 2021, the cost of the new QAP Assessment Tool will be reduced from \$125 to \$85 per attempt.

An updated QAP Information Guide with further information specific to the new QAP Assessment Tool has been provided to registrants whose QAP cycles are ending this year. This resource contains updated information on the QAP Assessment Tool blueprint, content weighting, a preparation guide, and quick tips for navigating the new platform. It will also be posted on the College's [Quality Assurance](#) webpage once the new QAP Assessment Tool launches.

Completion of the QAP Assessment Tool is a mandatory requirement and the first attempt must be completed before registration renewal will be permitted; the renewal deadline is the last day of February. Completion of the QAP Assessment Tool is not eligible for continuing competency credits, however, preparation for the QAP Assessment tool is eligible for 1 credit/hour (Max 15 credits/cycle).

Although the QAP Assessment Tool will no longer be provided through the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (NDHCB), the NDHCB's Preparatory Tests remain available on-demand for a fee. Completion of a Preparatory Test will assist registrants to determine knowledge areas that will be helpful to review prior to taking the QAP Assessment Tool; however, it will not familiarize registrants with the process or format of the new platform. The College has prepared a Navigation Tutorial designed to assist with this, which has been provided to registrants whose QAP cycles are ending in December.