



**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS  
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (National Commission) met on April 20, 2026, via video conference call and took the following actions:

1. Adopted the revisions to the following policies:
  - National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Recognition Status Definitions
  - Policy on Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice
  - Policy on Annual Report of the Recognized Certifying Boards
  - Policy on Recognition of a Dental Specialty Sponsoring Organization and Dental Specialty Certifying Board
  - Complaints
  - Policy on Due Process Related to Review Committee and Board of Commissioners Meetings Special Appearances
  - Function and Procedure of the Appeal Board Hearing Panel
2. Adopted a new policy related to:
  - Application Process for Recognition of a New Dental Specialty Certifying Board When Recognition Has Been Withdrawn from a Previous Certifying Board
  - Recognized Specialty Sponsoring Organization Survey Related to Reporting Changes to Best Practices in the Specialty and Oral Healthcare Delivery
3. Adopted revisions to Goal 4. Objective 3. of the National Commission 2025-2030 Strategic Plan
4. Approved the National Commission 2026 revised forecast budget based on the decrease in expenses by conducting a virtual meeting.
5. Approved 2026-2031 Shared Services Agreement with the American Dental Association.
6. Adopted the *2026 Annual Report of the Recognized Certifying Boards* and granted recognition statuses to the recognized dental specialty certifying boards.
7. Adopted revisions to the National Commission brand voice related to the addition of non-dental healthcare organizations to the communities of interest.
8. Determined to not move forward with the concept of subspecialty designation due to the lack of sufficient support.
9. Confirmed the next meeting dates of the National Commission.
  - June 25, 2026
  - May 3, 2027

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