

Frequently Asked Questions: Alternative Pathway to ABDPH Certification

- 1. What is the alternative pathway to American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) examination eligibility?**
The alternative pathway is a new set of requirements that allows dental public health practitioners who have not completed an accredited residency program to become eligible to take the board examination.
- 2. Who is eligible to apply through the alternative pathway for ABDPH examination?**
All dental public health practitioners who meet the educational requirements but have not completed an accredited dental public health residency program in the United States or Canada.
- 3. Are the educational requirements for alternative pathway different from the traditional pathway?**
No. The educational requirements for both pathways are exactly the same.
- 4. How are the alternative pathway requirements different from the traditional pathway?**
The alternative pathway requires the candidate to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that their experience is comparable to that obtained in a dental public health residency program.
- 5. How long is the alternative pathway open for candidates to apply?**
*It is available only until **August 15, 2022**.*
- 6. Who reviews the documentation to determine eligibility for ABDPH board examination?**
The ABDPH will review candidates' documentation to determine board eligibility.
- 7. What are the relevant experiences required in the alternative pathway?**
All relevant experiences must cover the ten established competencies in dental public health.
- 8. What is the minimum number of years of experience required in the alternative pathway?**
A minimum of 15 years' experience in a relevant dental public health area is required. Examples include research, academia, or program administration.
- 9. Is an applicant required to submit letters of recommendation?**
Yes. Two letters of recommendation from Diplomates of the American Board of Dental Public Health are needed.
- 10. Where can I find the full documentation on the alternative pathway?**
More detailed information about the alternative pathway is available on the American Board of Dental Public website: www.aaphd.org under the "ABDPH" tab.