

**Guidance Document: Temporary Flexibility in Accreditation Standards to Address Interruption of Education Reporting Requirements Resulting From COVID-19 for the Class of 2020**

Below is the *temporary flexibility* guidance on select Accreditation Standards. Only those Accreditation Standards which include *temporary flexibility* are included, all others have been retained as written in the current published Accreditation Standards document.

**Advanced Dental Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology**

Alternative Assessment Methods (for example, patient vs simulation)

Since assessment methods for the final phases of oral and maxillofacial radiology education are not patient contact-based, no modification or alternative assessment method is required at this time.

Modification/Reduction of Curriculum Content or Curriculum Requirements (for example, modification/reduction of program-dictated requirements, CODA competency requirements, and/or CODA quantitative numbers-based requirements)

For the Class of 2020, programs are allowed flexibility to modify program-dictated requirements that are in addition to or beyond those required by CODA's Accreditation Standards as long as the modifications continue to meet CODA Accreditation Standard requirements. It is the program's responsibility to ensure the competence of its graduates for safe and effective practice of oral and maxillofacial radiology.

Program Length or Program Component Length (for example, rotations, services, etc.)

The program length requirement will be maintained as a minimum of 24 months full-time or its equivalent, since reducing the program length could impact the graduates' future licensing or board certification requirements. The use of distance education technology offers programs flexibility in providing the required educational experiences. Programs that are 36 months in length, rather than 24 months, as required by the Accreditation Standards, should continue to maintain the 36-month program duration.

**Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology**

**OMR Standard 4-13**

**Students/Residents must attend head and neck tumor board or a similar institutional interdisciplinary conference which includes radiology on a regular basis, but at least monthly.**

Temporary Guidance: For the Class of 2020, temporary flexibility is permitted such that this requirement may be waived from March 2020 through June 2020. Programs are

encouraged to provide an experience that meets the intent of this Standard in some other fashion.

**OMR Standard 4-16**

**The program must provide for a meaningful period of education in medical radiology in an active, hospital-based radiology department or other similar facility of, at least, three months duration, or its part-time equivalent.**

Temporary Guidance: For the Class of 2020, temporary flexibility is permitted such that the time requirement of “at least three months” could be adjusted due to interruption of normal activities, provided that the program ensures the graduates have met the required program competencies.