



Commission on Dental Accreditation

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

On February 6, 2026, the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopted the proposed revisions to Standard 1 (New Standard 1-11) of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and directed revision of all related documents, for implementation on July 1, 2026.

Additions are underlined.

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2 **STANDARD 1 - INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT/PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**

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4 **USE OF SITES WHERE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY OCCURS**

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6 The primary sponsor of the educational program **must** accept full responsibility for the quality of
7 education provided in all sites where educational activity occurs.

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9 **1-7** All arrangements with major and minor activity sites, not owned by the sponsoring
10 institution, **must** be formalized by means of current written agreements that clearly
11 define the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved.

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13 ***Intent:** Ownership may entail clinical operations, and not necessarily the physical facility.*

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15 **1-8** Documentary evidence of agreements, for major and minor activity sites not owned by
16 the sponsoring institution, **must** be available. The following items **must** be covered in
17 such inter-institutional agreements:

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19 a. Designation of a single program director;
20 b. The teaching staff;
21 c. The educational objectives of the program;
22 d. The period of assignment of residents; and
23 e. Each institution's financial commitment

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25 ***Intent:** An “institution (or organizational unit of an institution)” is defined as a dental,*
26 *medical or public health school, patient care facility, or other entity (e.g., OMS practice*
27 *facility) that engages in advanced dental education. The items that are covered in inter-*
28 *institutional agreements do not have to be contained in a single document. They may be*
29 *included in multiple agreements, both formal and informal (e.g., addenda and letters of*
30 *mutual understanding).*

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32 **1-9** Rotations to an affiliated institution which sponsors its own accredited oral and
33 maxillofacial surgery residency program **must** not exceed 26 weeks in duration.

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35 **1-10** All standards in this document **must** apply to training provided in affiliated
36 institutions.

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38 **1-11 Major sites of activity where the program director is not routinely present must**
39 **include the appointment of a site administrator faculty member to provide**
40 **administrative oversight of the program at that site.**

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43 If the program utilizes off-campus sites for clinical experiences or didactic instruction, please review
44 the Commission’s Policy on Accreditation of Off-Campus Sites found in the Evaluation and
45 Operational Policies and Procedures manual (EOPP)