

# Commission on Dental Accreditation

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**At its Winter 2024 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics be distributed to the appropriate communities of interest for review and comment, with comment due June 1, 2024, for review at the Summer 2024 Commission meeting.**

Written comments will only be accepted through the Commission's Electronic Comment Submission Portal at this link:

[https://surveys.ada.org/jfe/form/SV\\_03xFerJghqi3cto](https://surveys.ada.org/jfe/form/SV_03xFerJghqi3cto)

Additions are Underlined;  
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

## Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics

**STANDARD 2 - PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND TEACHING STAFF**

The program **must** be administered by one director who is board certified in the respective advanced dental education discipline of the program. (All program directors appointed after January 1, 1997, who have not previously served as program directors, **must** be board certified.)

*Intent: The director of an advanced dental education program is to be certified by a nationally accepted certifying board in the advanced dental education discipline. Board certification is to be active. The board certification requirement of Standard 2 is also applicable to an interim/acting program director. A program with a director who is not board certified but who has previous experience as an interim/acting program director in a Commission-accredited program prior to 1997 is not considered in compliance with Standard 2.*

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- For board certified directors: Copy of board certification certificate; letter from board attesting to current/active board certification
- (For non-board certified directors who served prior to January 1, 1997: Current CV identifying previous directorship in a Commission on Dental Accreditation- or Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada-accredited advanced dental education program in the respective discipline; letter from the previous employing institution verifying service)

**The program director must be appointed to the sponsoring institution and have sufficient authority and time to achieve the educational goals of the program and assess the program's effectiveness in meeting its goals.**

**Documentation of all program activities must be ensured by the program director and available for review.**

**2-1 The sponsoring institution must appoint a program director ~~who: a) is a full-time faculty member and b)~~ whose time commitment is no less than twenty-four hours per week to the advanced dental education program in endodontics.**

*Intent: To ensure that the program director has sufficient time to participate in all aspects of the program including direct student/resident contact in didactic and clinical activities.*