



## **Equine Dental Providers of America**

### **Certification Exam Guidelines**

*After completion and approval of the EDPA Pre-certification Evaluation, an applicant may apply for the EDPA Equine Dental Provider Certification. The Certification Exam will be held annually.*

**The Applicant must register for the EDPA Certification Exam and pay the applicable fee by EDPA deadline to be eligible to test in the same year.**

\* EDPA Member Fee- \$500.00

\* Non- Member Fee- \$650.00

**Applicants for Equine Dental Provider (EDP) Certification must pass a written exam and a practical exam for EDPA Certification.**

**The EDPA Certification written exam will include questions regarding the following:**

1. Anatomy, including musculoskeletal structures, organs of the head and neck
2. Tooth anatomy and morphology
3. Diseases that show up in the mouth so that an (EDP) would know when to refuse to treat and send the case to a vet.
4. Knowledge of tools, function and hazards of equipment and instrumentation used in tooth floating
5. Potential harm and side effects caused by tooth floating, and possible results of poor tooth floating technique.
6. Disease control and sterilization of equipment
7. The limits of the scope of practice for an EDP, including the use of sedation, the requirement of veterinary supervision, and ensuring that a proper veterinary-client-patient relationship is established and maintained
8. Universal terminology
9. Texas law
10. Documentation- Charting

**The applicant must pass the written exam with 80% or above before eligible to move on to the practical exam.**

**The EDPA Practical exam will consist of the following:**

**Each applicant will be required to evaluate 5 equine skulls in normal routine maintenance condition. Each applicant will have 25 minutes per skull to complete the following:**

- 1. Proper charting with legible writing**
- 2. Assessment of malocclusions and identifiable conditions**
- 3. Describe approach and procedure to address conditions**
- 4. Describe tools used for approach and procedures- A display sample of hand floats and power tools will be provided as a resource.**
- 5. After Care/Recommendations**

**Each skull will be pre-evaluated by a team of evaluators and the applicant's charts will be evaluated by that team. The team will consist of the EDPA Director of Certification (Texas Licensed), one (1) Texas Licensed Veterinarian, and one (1) Texas Licensed EDPA Certified Committee Members and these team members are those which have no conflict of interest associated with the candidate's testing.**

**The following standards will be used for practical exam evaluation:**

- 1. The skull to be used will have normal routine dental conditions.**
- 2. The EDP applicant shall address the malocclusions while preserving functionality of the oral cavity, and practicing the policy "to do no harm".**
- 3. The EDP Applicant's goal is to verbalize in writing how to address the following:**
  - a. To remove sharp enamel points which cause harm to soft tissue.**
  - b. To remove malocclusions which interfere with occlusion and lateral excursion, of the molars and incisors.**
  - c. And to maintain and maximize occlusion of the opposing chewing surfaces**

**Please note:**

The EDP applicant can use hand floats or power floats to explain approach. The applicant must correctly chart the conditions in the horse's oral cavity.

**The evaluation by the team of Evaluators will be determined by the following categories: Each Skull is worth 50 points for a total practical test of 250 points (5 skulls).**

- 1. Proper charting with legible writing (5 points)**
- 2. Assessment of malocclusions and identifiable conditions (15 points)**
- 3. Describe approach and procedure to address conditions (15 points)**
- 4. Describe tools used for approach and procedures (10 points)**
- 5. After Care/Recommendations (5 points)**

**The EDPA Certification Applicant must pass the Practical Exam with an 80% or better.**

**Registration Fee for the EDPA Certification Practical and Written Exam must be paid in advance of the Test. The EDPA Certification Committee will notify the applicants that are eligible who have passed the Pre-approval evaluation. Payment can be made online via [www.EDPAonline.org](http://www.EDPAonline.org) or check mailed to EDPA 2305 S. Day Street Brenham, Texas 77833.**