



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- \$600.00

* Non- Member Fee- \$750.00

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 75% or above before eligible to move on to the practical exam.

*If the applicant fails the written test, the applicant has the opportunity to retake the test the following year (and only the following year) without additional cost.

The EDPA practical exam will consist of the following:

The horse will be charted by a team of evaluators and the applicants work will be evaluated by the team. The team will consist of one (1) Certified EDP Veterinarian and at least two (2) EDPA Certification Committee Members (which must be EDP Certified) 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 horse to be used will have normal routine dental conditions.
2. The EDP applicant will address the malocclusions while preserving functionality of the oral cavity, and practicing the policy “to do no harm”.
3. The EDP Applicant’s Goal:
 - 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. The applicant must use a speculum, light source, effective sanitation, GFCI with the power equipment, and use of safety glasses and gloves for proper hand covering. The applicant can use an apparatus to suspend the horse’s head or a head stand. It is recommended the type of suspension supports the horse’s mandible. The applicant must correctly chart the conditions in the horse’s oral cavity.

The evaluation will be determined by the following categories:

- 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
- d. Overall balanced and functional mouth.

*** Conditions which will cause failure to the individual demonstration:**

The Evaluators will then score each applicant on the following categories and point scale:

Test= 100 total points with a Pass/Fail Scoring:

- a. Approach, handling animal and safety. 5 pts.
- b. Pre-evaluating animals condition. 5 pts
- c. Determining sedation needs. 10 pts
- d. Charting. 15 pts
- e. Addressing issues. 5 pts.
- f. Appropriate tool use. 10 pts.
- g. Cleanliness. 15 pts.
- h. Post- evaluating animal and after care. 5 pts.
- i. Functionality of mouth. 30 pts.

The EDPA Certification Applicant must pass the Practical Exam with an 75% or better by 2 out of the 3 EDPA evaluators in order to receive EDPA Certification.

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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 or check mailed to EDPA 2305 S. Day Street Brenham, Texas 77833.