



# A GUIDE

TO YOUR  
PET ASSESSMENT

Here's what you need to know ▶



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# What You Need to Know

## The PET Assessment Explained

### 200 QUESTIONS



The assessment consists of 200 multiple choice and case study questions that are based on a foundation of knowledge that is required of all dentists.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE



The questions in your assessment will cover six areas of practice from the following list:

- caries
- endodontics
- general medicine
- infection prevention & control
- jurisprudence & ethics
- medical emergencies
- operative & preventive
- oral medicine & pathology
- oral surgery
- orthodontics
- pediatric dentistry
- periodontics
- pharmacology
- prosthodontics
- radiology

Please refer to the letter you received from the College, which identifies the six areas of practice that will be covered by your assessment.

### OPEN BOOK FORMAT



The assessment is essentially open-book. You can refer to textbooks, journals and other resources to help you answer the questions. This is all part of the learning process. You can pause during a session, log out and research a particular subject area before proceeding, or use a built-in feature of the PET that allows you to flag questions that you want to review before answering.

### OPEN ACCESS FOR 30 DAYS



You can log out and log back in repeatedly during the 30-day period, completing as many of the assessment questions as you wish during any given session. Your progress is automatically saved. You may also go back and change any of your answers before completing your assessment.

## Home Page

Once your start date arrives, to start, click **Begin your assessment**. You will be taken to your first question.

The screenshot shows the 'PET HOME PAGE' for the Quality Assurance Program. At the top left is the logo for the Quality Assurance Program, which includes the text 'QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM', 'Practice Enhancement Tool', and 'Continuous Learning'. To the right of the logo are navigation links: 'HELP', 'CHANGE PASSWORD / EMAIL', and 'LOG OUT'. The main heading is 'Welcome to PET HOME PAGE'. On the left side, there is a 'STATUS' section indicating a pending assessment, a 'CURRENT ASSESSMENT' section for the 'Initial Assessment' with start and end dates (Mar. 31, 2015 to Apr. 30, 2015), and a list of competency areas including Caries, Endodontics, Oral Medicine, Periodontics, Pharmacology, and Radiology. Below this is a progress bar showing 0 questions answered, 200 unanswered, and 0 flagged. On the right side, there is a green 'Begin your assessment' button with instructions to use NEXT, BACK, or GO TO arrows. Below that is a 'PET ASSESSMENT RESULTS' table with columns for NAME and DATE COMPLETED, which is currently empty. At the bottom right is a 'Next Steps' box. Three red arrows labeled 'a.', 'b.', and 'c.' point to the 'Begin your assessment' button, the results table, and the 'Next Steps' box, respectively.

**a.** Click **Begin your assessment** to start your assessment.

**b.** Your results will be displayed here once your assessment is completed.

**c.** Instructions will appear in the **Next Steps** box once your assessment is completed.

## Once You're Finished

Once you've completed your assessment, your results will be displayed immediately. Your results will be available on the **Home Page**.

## Sample Question

Follow the prompts to answer the questions and complete the assessment.

The screenshot shows a dental assessment interface. At the top left is the logo for the Quality Assurance Program, Commission on Learning, Practice Enhancement Tool. On the top right are buttons for HOME, HELP, and LOG OUT. Below this is a progress bar showing 60 ANSWERED, 140 UNANSWERED, and 0 FLAGGED questions. A navigation bar contains BACK, GO TO, and NEXT buttons. The main content area displays '61 of 200' and a 'CLICK IMAGE TO ENLARGE' link. It features a clinical photograph of a tooth with a probe, a radiograph, and a periodontal charting table. The charting table has two sections: 'Vestibular' and 'Lingual', each with columns for teeth 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7, and rows for Probing depth, Recession, Bleeding on probing, Mobility, and Furcation. Below the images is a text prompt: 'Use the charting, photograph and radiograph to answer the following question: A 34 year-old patient's chief complaint is "Swelling of my gums around my lower left tooth." The disto-occlusal amalgam restoration on tooth 3.6 was replaced three months ago. The tooth was extremely sore immediately after placement and the swelling started about one month ago. Tooth 3.6 does not respond to vitality tests. The radiograph was taken with a gutta percha point placed into the site of deepest probing depth. What is the most appropriate treatment at this time?' Below the text are five radio button options: 'Scaling, root planing, placement of local antibiotic', 'Systemic antibiotic', 'Endodontic access', 'Open flap debridement', and 'Guided tissue regeneration'. At the bottom are 'SAVE ANSWER' and 'FLAG QUESTION' buttons.

**f.** Points to the '61 of 200' progress indicator.

**i.** Points to the 'HELP' button.

**d.** Points to the 'NEXT' button.

**e.** Points to the 'CLICK IMAGE TO ENLARGE' link.

**g.** Points to the 'SAVE ANSWER' button.

**h.** Points to the 'FLAG QUESTION' button.

**d.** Use the **Next** or **Go To** options to jump to another question.

**e.** Click on the **Images** to enlarge.

**f.** View your progress throughout your assessment on the **Question Status Bar**.

**g.** In order to advance to the next question, you must click the **Save Answer** button and save your answer, **OR**

**h.** you can flag questions by clicking the **Flag Question** button.

**i.** Click **Help** to access FAQs and other resources.



## Here to Answer Your Questions

The Practice Enhancement Consultant can assist you by interpreting and discussing the results of your assessment and, if needed, help you in coming up with a continuing education plan to address any weakness that is identified by your assessment.

### **Practice Enhancement Consultant**

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## What to Do Checklist



- 1. Carefully review this guide.
- 2. If you have any questions, contact our Practice Enhancement Consultant.
- 3. Schedule time to complete your assessment.
- 4. Complete the assessment within your 30-day period.

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. How do I access the PET?**

Go to <https://pet.rcdso.org>. Be sure to enter this into an address bar, not your search bar. To log in, you will need to enter your member ID and the temporary password provided by the College. The first time you log in, you will be asked to change your temporary password. You will also have the option of providing an email address in case you forget your password and to receive information from the Quality Assurance department.

### **2. What are the technical requirements?**

The PET will work on both PC and Mac platforms. For best performance, use a high-speed internet connection. The PET works optimally with the latest versions of the following browsers: Firefox, Chrome, Internet Explorer and Safari.

### **3. I've logged in, but cannot answer any questions. What's going on?**

The letter you received from the College with your temporary password also notes your start date for the assessment. You can log in before your start date to change your password, provide an email address and review the help menu, but you cannot begin the assessment and answer any questions until your start date arrives.

### **4. Are there any resources that I can review to prepare for the PET?**

The College has prepared a list of suggested textbooks, PEAK articles and other resources that may be of assistance for the PET. There is no single source of information to assist you with every question, but you may find these resources helpful.

Go to the College website and under quick links, you'll find the Practice Enhancement Tool Resources PDF. You can also contact the Practice Enhancement Consultant, Dr. Greg Anderson, for any resource-related questions.

### **5. When will I find out about my results?**

Once you have completed the assessment, the program will immediately let you know your results.