



FDHRC/NDHCB STATEMENT TO STAKEHOLDERS

September 27, 2021

To our valued stakeholders:

On behalf of the **Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada (FDHRC)** and **the National Dental Hygiene Certification Board (NDHCB)**, we are announcing the formal decision to amalgamate our two organizations into a single national entity, effective January 1, 2022. An amalgamation agreement was approved by the boards and members of both FDHRC and NDHCB in a series of special meetings held on August 17, 2021.

The new organization will be incorporated under the name of the *Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada (FDHRC)*. The FDHRC will operate from the current NDHCB office in Ottawa and will provide the same professional leadership and quality assurance as always, while continuing to ensure the protection of the public.

Vision

The intent is for the **National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE)** to remain our top priority. We will develop and administer the exam in the same robust and reliable fashion you have come to expect, without any disruption. The amalgamated organization will also continue its important work in providing national leadership in dental hygiene regulation for the protection of the public.

Recognizing Collaborative Leadership

At this time, we would like to recognize the significant contribution of the Transition Team, composed of three members of FDHRC's Board of Directors, and three members of NDHCB's Board of Governors. Their work in drafting the Amalgamation Agreement involved countless hours of extensive research, including the study of best-practice models in other regulatory alliances that also administer certification exams, and examination of the numerous legal issues to be considered by all parties.

The Way Forward

In the coming months, FDHRC and NDHCB representatives will work together to complete all the legal, financial, and operational requirements of an amalgamation of this nature. Starting in 2022, a new Board will oversee the work and responsibilities of this new Federation, building on the established strengths of our two founding organizations.

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We will continue to communicate the progress of the amalgamation and welcome any comments or questions you may have regarding this initiative.

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Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada**

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