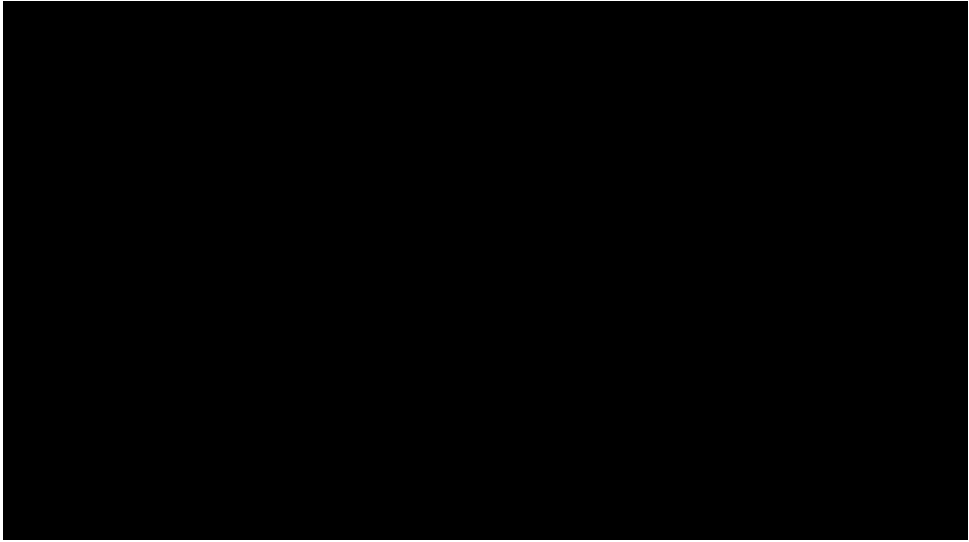


## Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Quick Facts

<b>Name of Examination</b>	Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH)
<b>Purpose</b>	The ATDH is an admission test designed to provide dental hygiene education

candidate eligibility will be provided in the ATDH Candidate Guide which will be made available in the second quarter of 2021.

Administration  
Schedule



	<p>Candidates who have had three or more ATDH attempts must apply to the ATDH Program for permission to test again. From that point forward, they may retest only once per 12-month period.</p> <p>Candidates who are requesting additional testing beyond three attempts must submit their request in writing to the ATDH Program, and must include evidence of their demonstrated intent to apply to a dental hygiene education program.</p>
<b>Governance</b>	<p>In April 2020, the American Dental Association (ADA) Board of Trustees approved the formation of the ATDH Steering Committee, with Committee members appointed directly by the ADA President. The ATDH Steering Committee oversees the development, launch, and validation of the ATDH.</p>
<b>Validity and Technical Information</b>	<p>The ATDH is supported by content validity arguments. ATDH content has been developed by teams of highly qualified subject matter experts, working together to build examination questions that are capable of accurately and reliably identifying those who possess the skills necessary to successfully complete a dental hygiene program. The ATDH is built in accordance with the <i>Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing</i>. Criterion-related validity evidence will be made available in the future, as data become available.</p>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Please see the ATDH website: <a href="http://ADA.org/ATDH">ADA.org/ATDH</a></p>