



NBC Written Examination Pilot Test Frequently Asked Questions

The National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC) is working to create a new Digital Workflow certification. NBC has worked with various volunteer subject matter experts in the field to write and review questions related to digital workflow. The next step in the process entails pilot testing, also known as data gathering.

This process allows NBC and our testing company partner to identify specific data that is necessary for determining test validity (are we testing what we say we are testing) and reliability (how accurate is the test).

Below you will find the answers to several frequently asked questions regarding pilot tests. Please feel free to contact NBC at (800) 684-5310 or at certification@nbccert.org with any additional questions you may have.

Q. What are the requirements to sit for a pilot test?

A. Candidates must meet the same requirements as they would to sit for the RG/CDT examinations. Candidates do not have to be a CDT or NADL member. Candidates must have a working knowledge of the English language as the test will only be offered in English.

Pilot tests will be delivered via computer-based testing and thus candidates will be required to bring a laptop computer or a tablet in order to be able to complete the pilot test.

Q. What are the dates of the pilot tests?

A. The pilot tests will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023 and Saturday, February 25, 2023 at LMT Chicago Lab Day in Randolph 3 on the Bronze level concourse.

Thursday, February 23, 2023
1:00 pm and 2:30 pm CST

Saturday, February 25, 2023
8:00 am and 9:30 am CST

Participants will select **one** of the available time slots. Each session is limited to 48 participants.

Q. Is there a charge to take the pilot test?

A. No, there is no charge to participate in the pilot test.

Q. How much time am I given to take the test? How many questions are on the pilot test?

A. The pilot test will contain between 75 and 90 questions covering digital workflow content and candidates will be given between 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours to complete the test, depending on the number of questions.

Q. How do I sign up to participate in the pilot test and how will I know if my application has been accepted?

A. Candidates who wish to participate in the pilot test will be asked to fill out a brief application [HERE \(https://NBCCERT.org?79uuw2\)](https://NBCCERT.org?79uuw2) to sit for the pilot test.

Approximately two weeks prior to the pilot test date, candidates will be sent a letter via email, which will be used for exam admittance. Candidates will also be required to bring a driver's license or other acceptable form of photo identification and a laptop computer or tablet to the pilot test site.

Q. Will I receive a grade from the pilot test?

A. No, the purpose of the pilot test is to validate the questions and provide data to construct a test that measures a candidate's knowledge.

Q. How do I prepare for the pilot test?

A. No preparation is required on the part of the candidate as the purpose of the pilot testing is making the examinations more reliable and valid. Pilot tests will be delivered via computer-based testing and thus candidates will be required to bring a laptop computer or a tablet in order to be able to complete the pilot test.

Q. What happens if I sign up for the pilot test and cannot attend?

A. Candidates will be asked to notify the NBC prior to the pilot test if they are unable to attend. As these examinations are for statistical purposes only, there is not an opportunity to reschedule for the pilot test.

Q. Will I receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses?

A. Unfortunately, NBC is not in a position to provide compensation or reimbursement. However, current CDTs/RGs will receive 1.5 hours of Documented Scientific credit for completion of the pilot test. Additionally, for candidates interested in becoming a CDT or RG, the pilot test will provide an opportunity to practice for your upcoming written examinations and provide a sneak peek at possible future examination questions.

Q. Will my scores count towards earning my certification?

A. No, the purpose of the pilot test is to validate the questions and provide data to construct a test that measures a candidate's knowledge. Once the questions are validated, the test forms are carefully constructed by a psychometrician. However, CDTs and RGs will earn 1.5 hours of Documented Scientific credit for completion of the pilot test.