

Applying for the NDHCE

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IMPORTANT:
Before proceeding select the correct pathway
below

[Previously Applied](#) – If you have previously applied for the National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam (NDHCE), even if you did not write it, start at [Step 1 on page 2](#) under Previously Applied Process.

[First Time Applicant](#) – If you have **never** applied for the National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam before, start at [Step 1 on page 6](#), under the First Time Applicant Process.



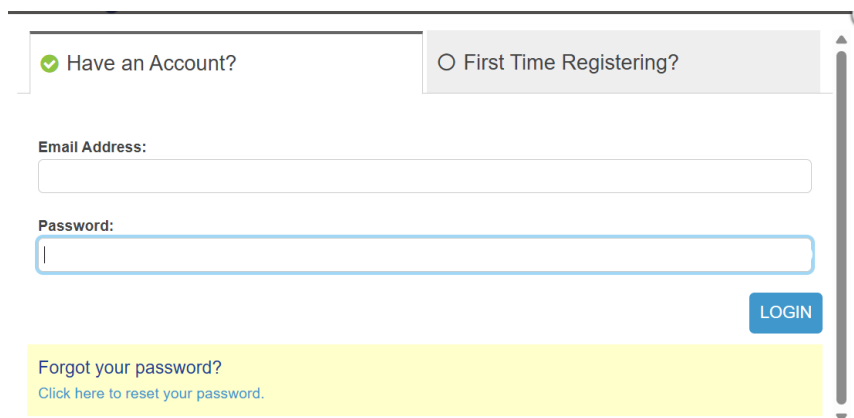
Previously Applied Process

STEP 1 – LOGIN

Visit the FDHRC website (www.fdhrc-forhdc.ca) and select 'Login' at the top right of the page.



The account login box will open. Make sure you are on the “Have an Account” part of the pop-up. You should use the same email address and password that you used when you applied previously for the NDHCE. If you forget your password, you can select ‘Password reset’ at the bottom of the pop-up.



IMPORTANT: If you receive an error saying “Username/password” not found OR your email has changed since you previously applied for the exam **DO NOT** make a new account. Contact FDHRC directly and we will assist you with accessing your account.

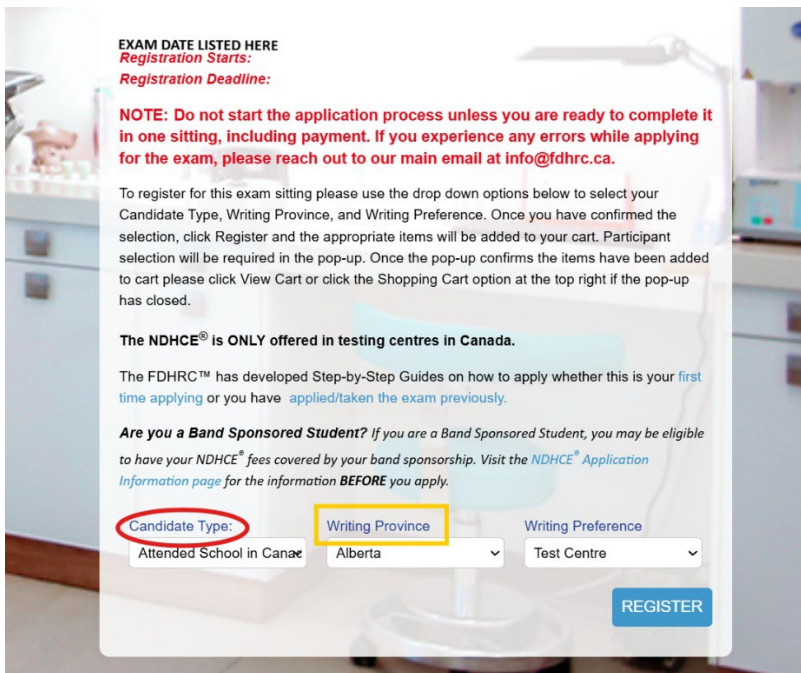
STEP 2 – STARTING THE APPLICATION

Once logged in, select Apply Now!



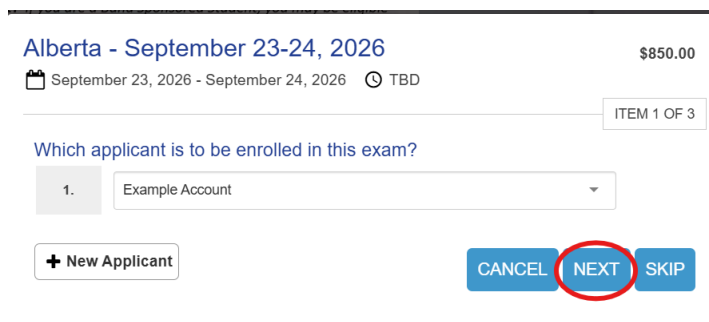
There is important information about deadlines and how to complete the application on this page, please read through them. At the bottom of the page, you will select your Candidate Type (red circle in image) which confirms what area in the world you attended dental hygiene school and your Writing Province (yellow square in image) which confirms where in Canada you want to write the exam. While there is a box for selection of Writing Preference, please note that the NDHCE is only offered in test centres in Canada at this time. Once the correct options are selected click the blue 'Register' button at the bottom.

IMPORTANT: You do not need to write the exam in the same province where you went to school or in the same province where you want to practice. The exam is the same in all provinces. However, it is important that you select the right province for where you will write as this is how your exam is booked and no changes to location selected can be made after the registration deadline.

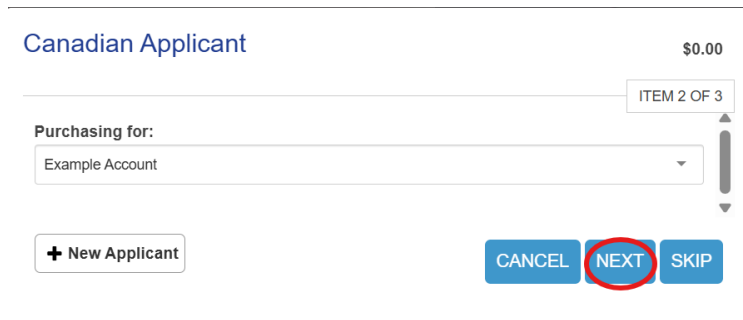


STEP 3 – ADDING THE EXAM APPLICATION TO YOUR CART

A pop-up will open to show what exam (i.e., September 2026) and what province (i.e., Alberta) that you are applying for. You will be asked to confirm which applicant is enrolling/applying for the exam – it will have your name in the box already. **DO NOT select to add a new applicant.** Select the 'Next' button.

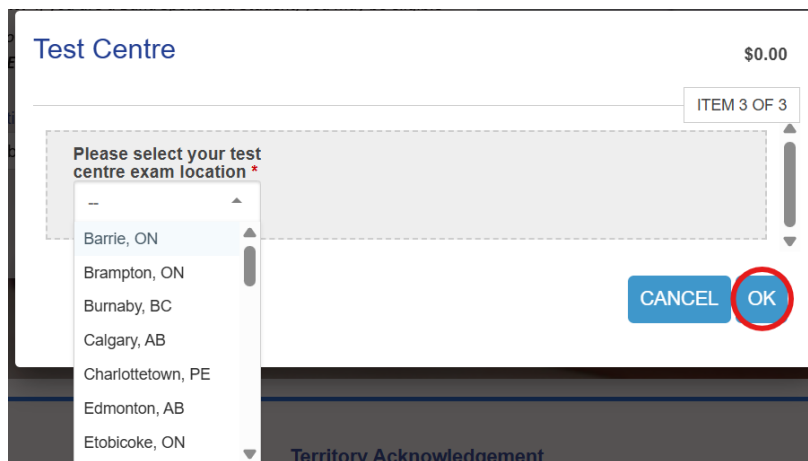


The pop-up will change and show what applicant type you are applying as (where you went to school) – it will have your name in the box already. **DO NOT select to add a new applicant.** Select the 'Next' button.



The screenshot shows a pop-up window titled "Canadian Applicant" with a price of "\$0.00" in the top right corner. Below the title is a horizontal line with "ITEM 2 OF 3" on the right. Underneath is a "Purchasing for:" label followed by a dropdown menu containing "Example Account". At the bottom left is a button with a plus sign and the text "+ New Applicant". At the bottom right are three buttons: "CANCEL", "NEXT" (which is circled in red), and "SKIP".

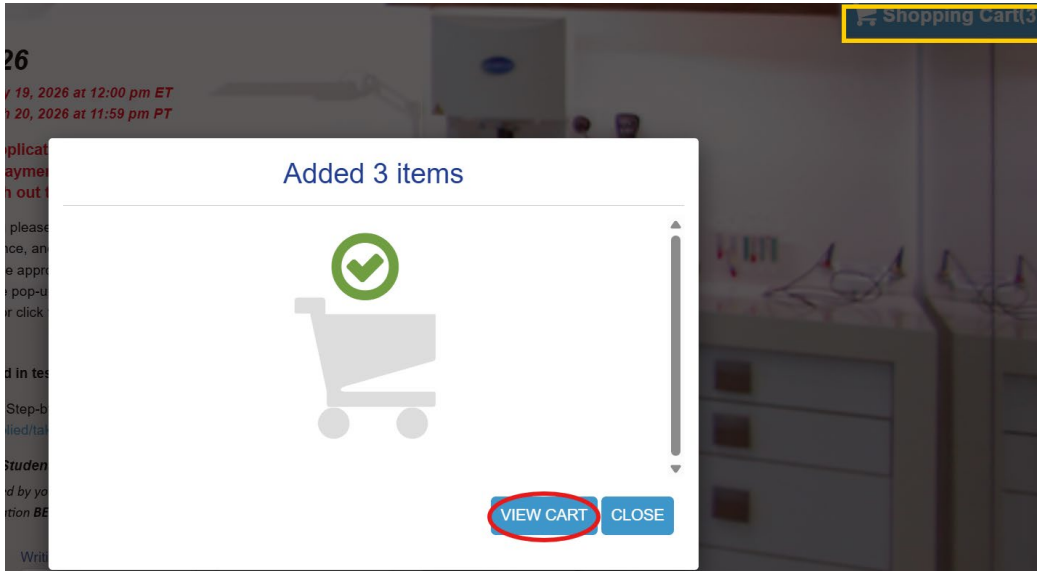
The pop-up will change again, and it will ask you to select your test centre exam location. Select the city where you would prefer to write the exam through the dropdown menu. This is the city where you want to write the exam. The city should be located in the province at the start of the application (Step 2). Only Canadian cities are listed as the NDHCE is only offered in testing centres in Canada. Once you selected your city, hit the blue OK button.



The screenshot shows a pop-up window titled "Test Centre" with a price of "\$0.00" in the top right corner. Below the title is a horizontal line with "ITEM 3 OF 3" on the right. The main content area has a dashed border and contains the text "Please select your test centre exam location *". Below this text is a dropdown menu with a list of cities: "Barrie, ON", "Brampton, ON", "Burnaby, BC", "Calgary, AB", "Charlottetown, PE", "Edmonton, AB", and "Etobicoke, ON". At the bottom right of the pop-up are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "OK" (which is circled in red). At the bottom of the page, there is a "Territory Acknowledgement" link.

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STEP 4 – COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Your application is in your cart now but is not yet submitted. Complete the information as required, same as when you applied before. For more detailed guidance on how to proceed through the completing the information in your application, go to [Step 5 – Completing the application on page 10](#).



First Time Applicant Process

STEP 1 – CREATING AN ACCOUNT

Visit the FDHRC website (www.fdhrc-forhdc.ca) and select 'Login' at the top right of the page.



The account login box will open. Select “First Time Registering” and complete all fields, check off communication preferences, and hit the ‘Create Account’ button at the bottom of the pop-up. Please note that the FDHRC and its testing vendor partner communicates exclusively with candidates via email. This includes communications about application status, testing accommodations, exam booking, etc, so be sure to also add info@fdhrc-forhdc.ca to your safe emails list(s) and to always double check your spam/junk folders.

A screenshot of the account creation form. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Have an Account?' (unselected) and 'First Time Registering?' (selected). Below this is a grey bar with the text 'Required Fields are marked with an asterisk *'. The form contains four input fields: 'Email Address *', 'Password (MINIMUM 12 CHARACTERS, MINIMUM OF 1 LETTER AND 1 NUMBER REQUIRED) *', 'First Name *', and 'Last Name *'. Each field has a red asterisk indicating it is required. The password field has a strength indicator icon and an eye icon for toggling visibility.

IMPORTANT: When entering your name be sure that the first and last name entered match your legal name as written on the government issues photo ID you will use on exam day. Middle names are not necessary but can be included in the First Name box if wanted.

If your legal name does not include either a first or last name you can enter a '.' [period] in the corresponding box in place of a name.



VERIFY YOUR ACCOUNT

The best way to do this is through the verification email sent to you which will include a link back to the website and a verification code that you must enter.

STEP 2 – STARTING THE APPLICATION

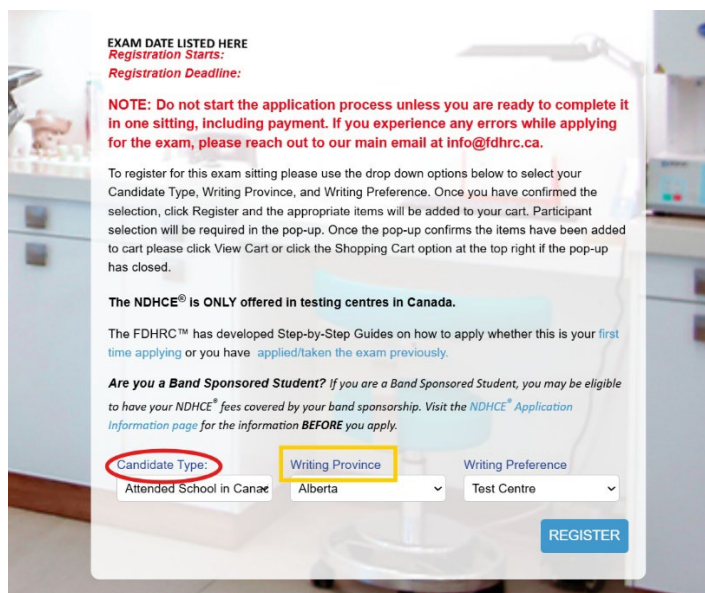
You have now created an account and are logged in. Now select Apply Now!



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EXAM DATE LISTED HERE
Registration Starts:
Registration Deadline:

NOTE: Do not start the application process unless you are ready to complete it in one sitting, including payment. If you experience any errors while applying for the exam, please reach out to our main email at info@fdhrc.ca.

To register for this exam sitting please use the drop down options below to select your Candidate Type, Writing Province, and Writing Preference. Once you have confirmed the selection, click Register and the appropriate items will be added to your cart. Participant selection will be required in the pop-up. Once the pop-up confirms the items have been added to cart please click View Cart or click the Shopping Cart option at the top right if the pop-up has closed.

The NDHCE® is ONLY offered in testing centres in Canada.

The FDHRC™ has developed Step-by-Step Guides on how to apply whether this is your first time applying or you have [applied/taken the exam previously](#).

Are you a Band Sponsored Student? If you are a Band Sponsored Student, you may be eligible to have your NDHCE® fees covered by your band sponsorship. Visit the [NDHCE® Application Information page](#) for the information **BEFORE** you apply.

Candidate Type: Writing Province: Writing Preference:

REGISTER



STEP 3 – CREATING AN APPLICANT

A pop up will open to asking you to add a new applicant. At the top left of the pop-up is a check box (red square in the image below) that says, “I would like to register myself into exams.”. Select this box and the applicant information will be automatically filled in the registration form with the account information you already provided. Then hit the blue ‘Add Applicant’ button at the bottom.

Add New Applicant

I would like to register myself into exams

Any family candidates registering as applicants for exams will first need to be added to your Candidate Family Account. Add your family's applicants below.

* = Required Fields

Applicant Details

First Name *

Last Name *

Gender *

Birthdate (DD / MMM / YYYY) * / /

CANCEL **ADD APPLICANT**

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Alberta - September 23-24, 2026 \$850.00

September 23, 2026 - September 24, 2026 TBD

ITEM 1 OF 3

Which applicant is to be enrolled in this exam?

1. Example Account

+ New Applicant **CANCEL** **NEXT** **SKIP**

The pop-up will again change and show what applicant type you are applying as (where you went to school) – it will have your name in the box already. DO NOT select to add a new applicant. Select the ‘Next’ button.

Canadian Applicant \$0.00

ITEM 2 OF 3

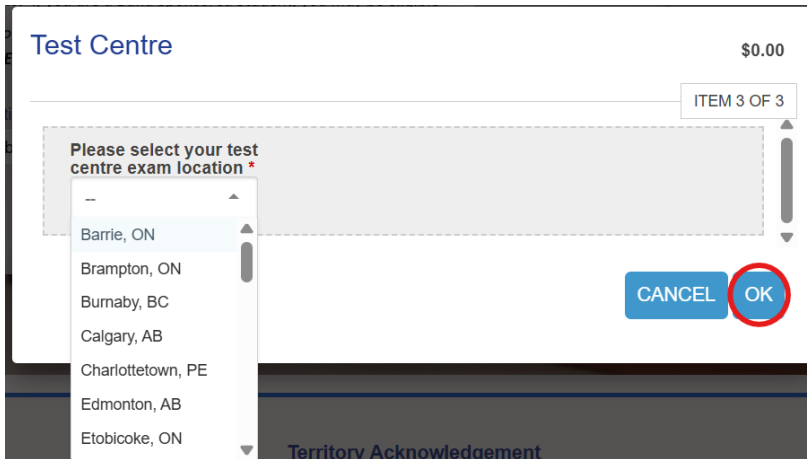
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Example Account

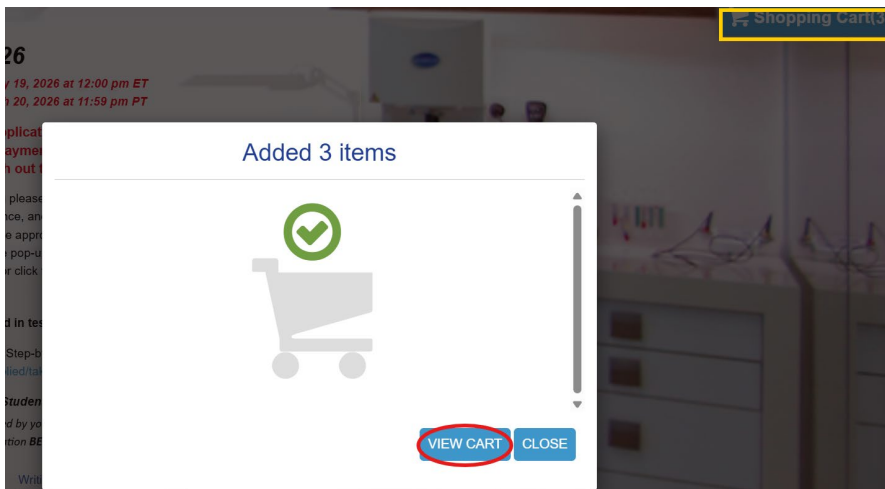
+ New Applicant **CANCEL** **NEXT** **SKIP**



The pop-up will change a third time, and it will ask you to select your test centre exam location. Select the city where you would prefer to write the exam through the dropdown menu. This is the city where you want to write the exam. The city should be located in the province at the start of the application (Step 2). Only Canadian cities are listed as the NDHCE is only offered in testing centres in Canada. Once you selected your city, hit the blue OK button.



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STEP 5 – COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Once in your cart you will see the application, including the information about your applicant name, applicant type, and preferred test centre location already added.

There is also some additional information required to complete the application. Some of these will be different depending on where you studied (Canada, US, or other international country). If you have questions about any of the required information, more details can be found by placing your mouse over the grey question mark (see yellow box in image below) next to each required field. All required fields must be completed before you can move forward in the application.

Additional information

Date of program completion * <input type="text"/>	Applying as ? * <input type="text"/>	Applicant photo (Natural & Unfiltered) ? * <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
Do you require testing accommodations? ? * <input type="text"/>	Results and certificate language preference * <input type="text"/>	If you are applying as a GRADUATE select how you want FDHRC to confirm your eligibility status ? * <input type="text"/>

Additional Applicant information for Example Account

Canadian School ? * <input type="text"/>	Have you ever applied under a different name? If yes, please specify. <input type="text"/>	Have you ever applied with a different email address? If yes, please specify. <input type="text"/>
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STEP 6 – BILLING INFORMATION

Once you have completed all the required fields in the previous step you can select the dark grey box – 2. Billing Information – to expand it and show the fields that need to be entered for payment purposes. If the credit card you are using for the application is in your name, fill in the contact information as it matches on your credit card bills below and select Create Address. The information entered here becomes your PRIMARY ADDRESS and is what will be used to send any certificate or hard copies of documents after the exam, if applicable.



2. Billing Information

My Billing Information is different than my Contact Information

Contact Information

Address Nickname

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

Address 2

City *

If the credit card you are using for the application is in someone else's name, select the box at the top left of the screen (red circle in image). This will add a spot for you to put the specific billing information. In the Contact Information section, put your name and mailing address. Again, the information entered here becomes your PRIMARY ADDRESS and is what will be used to send any certificate or hard copies of documents after the exam, if applicable. In the Billing Information section add the name and address of the individual whose credit card is being used to pay for the application.

IMPORTANT: Be sure that if you are using someone else's credit card to pay for the application that they are aware of this. Any charge backs or cancellation fees that are caused by a dispute of the charge will be the responsibility of the applicant and could lead to cancellation of your application.

2. Billing Information

My Billing Information is different than my Contact Information

Contact Information

Address Nickname

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

Address 2

City *

Province / State*

Australia

Billing Information

Address Nickname

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

Address 2

City *

Province / State*

Australia



STEP 7 – POLICIES

Next there are a couple of policies that you must accept before paying for the examination. These must be accepted every time you apply for the exam. Clicking on the policy name will open a pop-up with the full policy. You must read every policy in full, sign it at the bottom, and hit the 'Accept' button to move forward.

Policies

Please review the following by clicking on the link below. Policies marked with an asterisk (*) are required to complete your registration.

Example Account

NDHCE Terms and Conditions *

NDHCE Transfer and Withdrawal Policy *

STEP 8 – PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEE

Once you have accepted the policies you can move to the Payment Information page. Select 'Pay by Credit Card'. FDHRC only accepts credit cards for payment of the application fee. Enter your credit card information and click the Submit button (red circle) at the bottom of the page. Note, if you are Band Sponsored or believe you should have a credit on your file, please contact the FDHRC directly on how to proceed with payment.

Once you have hit the Submit button you should see a submission confirmation screen and receive a copy of the invoice in your inbox. If you do not see it, check your spam/junk folders.

1. Your Cart (3 items) ✓

2. Billing Information ✓

3. Payment Information

Pay by Credit Card

Card Number

MM / YY CVC

Save this Adyen Credit Card for future purchases.



SUBMIT

Invoice Summary

⌵ 4:34

Exams (1)	\$850.00
Products and Subscriptions (2)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$850.00
GST5 (5%)	\$42.50
Total	\$892.50

*All prices are in CAD.

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The FDHRC reviews all applications received and will reach out if any information is missing or requires follow up. If the information is complete the first email you will receive from the FDHRC will be in the week following the application deadline. That email will provide more details about next steps and the exam process.

