



May 3, 2021

Dr. Alan Gluskin
President
American Association of Endodontists
180 N. Stetson Avenue, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: 2021 Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice and Recognition Status

Dear Dr. Gluskin,

At its April 26-27, 2021 meeting, the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (National Commission) granted the American Association of Endodontists the recognition status of "Recognition" based on compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties*. The definitions of the National Commission's recognition statuses are enclosed.

The National Commission considered the supporting documentation submitted by the American Association of Endodontists for the *2021 Periodic Review of Dental Education and Practice*. On the basis of this review, the National Commission adopted a resolution to grant the American Association of Endodontists the recognition status of "Recognition."

Consideration of Proposed Definition Change for Endodontics

At its April 26-27, 2021 meeting, the National Commission considered the proposed definition change for the specialty of endodontics. On the basis of this review, the National Commission adopted a resolution to approve the following revised definition for endodontics:

Endodontics: Endodontics is the dental specialty which is concerned with the morphology, biology, physiology, pathology and regeneration of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences including biology of the normal pulp, the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions.

The next Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and Practice will be conducted in 2030 with consideration of the final report in 2031.

The National Commission has authorized use of the following statement by sponsoring organizations that wish to announce their recognition status granted by the National Commission. Sponsoring organizations that wish to advertise the specific recognition status granted by the National Commission may include information as indicated below:

Dr. Alan Gluskin

May 3, 2021

Page 2

The specialty of Endodontics sponsored by the American Association of Endodontics is recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards and has been granted the recognition status of Recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan E. Friedel".

Alan E. Friedel, DDS

Chair

National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards

Enclosures: National Commission Recognition Status Definitions
Formal Report of the 2021 Periodic Review of Dental Specialty Education and
Practice

cc: Dr. Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Educational and Professional Affairs

Ms. Catherine Baumann, director, National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and
Certifying Boards