



<b>Policy</b>	Fees and Invoicing policy
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*N.B. Any reference in red italics refers to the Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition (GCOR)*

### **Purpose**

This policy sets out the arrangements we have in place for fees and chargeable services offered by the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses (NEBDN). Our aim is to have a charging structure and associated accounting processes that:

- are fair and appropriate and provide value for money for centres (*F1.3*)
- are clear and transparent, with no hidden costs or details
- are reviewed annually with a general increase of not more than the national inflation rate (NEBDN reserves the right to change this where necessary) and made available to our centres via TheHub published in January each year for implementation on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, when it will also be published on our website.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all our services and stakeholders including centres, learners, suppliers and all other third parties. For a full list of our fees and charges, please refer to the current Schedule of Fees and Charges available on our website at [nebdn.org](http://nebdn.org)

### **Responsibilities**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, NEBDN's Finance and Business Effectiveness Committee is responsible for reviewing and updating this policy based on guidance and information supplied by the Chief Executive Officer.

NEBDN's Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overall implementation of this policy. The Finance Manager is responsible for procedures relating to customer invoicing, credit control and the recovery of overdue balances at an operational level.

NEBDN staff members working in the Operations Team are responsible for providing accurate and timely information from which the Finance Manager can produce accurate invoices and receipts.

Customer account holders are responsible for ensuring payment terms are adhered to and that customer records are accurate. NEBDN should be informed in writing of any changes in customer details.



Customers who do not have an account with NEBDN are responsible for payment of goods and services in full prior to fulfilment of their order.

### **Policy statement**

As a charitable organisation, NEBDN sets fees at a realistic level to cover operating costs, but which are fair and appropriate and provide value for money. Fees must generate sufficient income for NEBDN to meet its charitable objectives and to invest in development and continuous improvement.

For transparency, a schedule of all our fees and charges is available on our website, along with this policy. Fees and charges will be reviewed on an annual basis.

NEBDN is committed to ensuring the fee details are updated every time a new qualification is offered and/or if fees have altered and made available to our centres at the earliest opportunity to help them with their planning arrangements. We will review this document and its associated procedures annually as part of our self-evaluation arrangements and/or in response to customer, or regulatory feedback and any trends that may emerge in the types of queries we may have received.

We will keep the fees up to date and communicate any changes sufficiently in advance to centres in January via a notification in TheHub, for implementation and publication on our website in March **(F1.2 and F1.3)**. If for whatever reason we are unable to confirm a fee or change to a fee in a timely manner we will provide an information of the likely fee and clearly indicate the reasons why this is an indicative indication and when the fee(s) will be confirmed **(F1.4)**.

### Invoices on account (F3)

We will create a customer account for every accredited centre. NEBDN will invoice your centre within one week of confirming your order unless alternative arrangements have been agreed. The invoice will be sent to your Accounts Department unless you inform us otherwise (if you would like to change who we send the invoices to please contact us via the details provided at the end of this policy).

In general fees and charges (E.g. learner registration and examination fees) are collected through our accredited centres by invoicing on account.

Invoices will contain the following information:

- NEBDN name and address
- Account holder name and address
- Invoice date
- Account number
- Invoice number
- Purchase order number (if provided)
- Description of charges
- Invoice amount
- Payment terms
- Bank details for payment
- NEBDN Company number
- Charity number



Queries relating to invoices should be raised within 14 days of receipt of invoice by emailing [accounts@nebdn.org](mailto:accounts@nebdn.org).

#### Payments from customers without an account

Most fees and charges are collected through our accredited centres but there are some goods and services for which we will accept payment direct from learners or other customers who do not hold an account with us (such as a learner's employer).

For example:

- purchase of goods such as a qualification badge, buckle or belting;
- purchase of a replacement qualification certificate or certified letter;
- application for an Appeal of a result.

The current charges for these goods and services are listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges available on our website.

Where a payment is accepted from a customer without an account, we will issue a receipt for that payment. It is important that we can identify any payments we receive so non-account holders are advised to contact us before making a payment online,

e.g., A non-account holder may also be a centre whose account has been put 'on stop' or 'on pro-forma'. Refer below to 'Overdue payments and sanctions' for further details.

#### **Qualification Fees (F1.1)**

The fees associated with each Qualification are published in the schedule of fees and charges document on our website (F1).

Each Qualification will contain one or more of the following types of fees for UK Customers depending on the Qualification and its delivery arrangements and options (these are shown in Appendix 1):

- Qualification Registration Fee
- Associated Learner Fees

Fees that are applied for non-qualification specific activities are correct at the date shown at the bottom of this statement in Appendix 1, these include;

- Certificate replacement fees
- Badge fees

#### **Payment methods**

##### Acceptable payment methods

We will accept most methods of payment including BACS and other online bank transfers, debit cards and credit cards.

##### Payment terms



Where customers hold an account, our general payment terms are 30 days from invoice date. On receipt of payment we will update our records to show full payment has been received and ensure the invoice is appropriately filed.

For those without an account, full payment must be received and cleared prior to fulfilment of the order.

Any invoices relating to Apprenticeship fees have payment terms of 7 days, to ensure timely payment for the services provided. Any customer who delivers both qualifications and Apprenticeships with NEBDN will have separate customer numbers to differentiate the two products and payment terms.

#### Overdue payments and sanctions

We reserve the right to put services on hold or take sanctions against an account customer who fails to meet our payment terms. Sanctions may include:

- A centre's learners may be deferred to a later examination;
- A centres' learners may be withdrawn from their examinations;
- The customer account may be put 'on stop' – no new learners would be accepted for registration and we would not enter any resit learners;
- The customer account may be temporarily or permanently withdrawn and put on 'pro-forma invoicing'. The centre would need to pay the relevant fees prior to a new learner being registered and/or prior to a resit learner being entered for the next examination. Any overdue bad debt would follow our process for recovery of longstanding debt.
- Withdrawal of accreditation

If the centre fails to pay the charges on the due date, NEBDN may charge interest on the amount of any such late payment at the rate of 4% per annum above the Bank of England base rate.

#### **Records (F3)**

In accordance with HMRC guidelines we will keep records of all invoices issued and received so your centre or other relevant parties (such as the regulators) can be provided with an auditable trail of transaction if necessary. Any learner data in line with appeals, will be held in line with GDPR guidance.

#### **References**

Accredited Course Provider Handbook

Current Schedule of Fees and Charges

NEBDN Appeals policy

NEBDN Information Management policy

Ofqual General Conditions of Recognition (<http://ofqual.gov.uk/>)

#### **Contact us (F1.2)**

If you have any queries about any aspect of our fees or invoice arrangements or the content of this policy, please contact us at [accounts@nebdn.org](mailto:accounts@nebdn.org)



## Appendix 1 – NEBDN Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023

- This schedule should be read in conjunction with NEBDN’s Fees and Invoicing Policy.
- Accredited course providers should also refer to the Course Provider Guide to NEBDN Administration.
- Fees listed under all ‘Admissions’ sections are directly chargeable/invoiced to accredited course providers (not candidates).
- Except where stated, fees are not refundable and cannot be transferred between candidates.
- We will accept direct payment from candidates for products and services listed under the ‘Assessments & Awards’ section only.
- Queries about the information in this schedule should be emailed to [accounts@nebdn.org](mailto:accounts@nebdn.org)

<b>ADMISSIONS: Registration fee<sup>1</sup></b> (fee charged to Centre per new Learner registered with NEBDN)	<b>Fee</b>
National Diploma in Dental Nursing	£510
Certificate in Dental Implants Nursing	£205
Certificate in Dental Radiography	£205
Certificate in Oral Health Education	£205
Certificate in Orthodontic Dental Nursing	£205
Certificate in Special Care Dental Nursing	£205
Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing	£205
Award in Intravenous Sedation Dental Nursing	£205
Award in Inhalation Sedation Dental Nursing	£205
Certificate in Fluoride Varnish Application	£95

<b>ADMISSIONS: Administrative charges to Centres</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Deferral of Learner to a different exam date – all exams <i>except</i> National Diploma OSCE <b>(Up to 4 weeks before the exam date, afterwards will be charged the late deferral fee)</b>	£35
Deferral of Learner to a different exam date – National Diploma OSCE only ( <i>Extenuating Circumstances must be approved before deferral accepted</i> ) <sup>2</sup> <b>(Up to 4 weeks before the exam date, afterwards will be charged the late deferral fee)</b>	£150
Late fee – Deferral of Learner within 4 weeks of exam date – all exams <i>except</i> National Diploma OSCE	£150
Late fee – Deferral of Learner within 4 weeks of exam date – National Diploma OSCE only	£300
Late fee – Learner Registration Form(s) ( <i>per booking form</i> ) <sup>3</sup>	£100
Late fee – Exam entry documentation ( <i>per Learner</i> ) <sup>4</sup>	£100
Transfer of Learner to new Centre (payable by new Centre)	£125



Transfer from Award in Intravenous or Inhalation Sedation Dental Nursing to Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing <i>submission of completed Record of Competence and Tracking Document required</i>	£150
Reinstate withdrawn Learner (if RoE/RoC in date)	£125
New RoC/RoE	£50

1 Registration fee is a one-off fee charged to Centres per Learner registered with NEBDN. The fee is not refundable and not transferrable between Learners.

2 The OSCE is part II of the National Diploma in Dental Nursing examination. Deferral of OSCE is therefore only allowed in Extenuating Circumstances. Refer to EC Policy for full details.

3 Centres - refer to Centre Guide to NEBDN Administration for full details.

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<b>ADMISSIONS: Resit fee/DNA Resit fee<sup>5</sup> (fee charged to Centres per resit Learner entered for exam)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
National Diploma in Dental Nursing – written examination	£150
National Diploma in Dental Nursing – OSCE	£300
Certificate in Dental Implants Nursing	£150
Certificate in Dental Radiography	£150
Certificate in Oral Health Education	£150
Certificate in Orthodontic Dental Nursing	£150
Certificate in Special Care Dental Nursing	£150
Certificate in Dental Sedation Nursing	£150
Award in Intravenous Sedation Dental Nursing	£150
Award in Inhalation Sedation Dental Nursing	£150

<b>Products and services</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Replacement qualification certificate	£50
Certified letter (confirmation of award)	£35
Priority service for replacement certificate/certified letter (supplied within 7 days of order)	£75 (currently unavailable)
Badge – NEBDN National Diploma in Dental Nursing	Free of charge to newly qualified



	NEBDN Learners <sup>6</sup>
Badge – NEBDN post-registration qualifications <i>(qualification specific)</i>	Free of charge to newly qualified NEBDN Learners <sup>6</sup>
Replacement badge – NEBDN National Diploma or Certificate in Dental Nursing	£20
Replacement badge – NVQ/SVQ/VRQ <i>(qualifications awarded up to June 2012 only)</i>	£20
Qualification buckle with yellow petersham belting	£30
Appeal (fee is refunded if upheld) <sup>7</sup>	£50
Accreditation fee for new Centres	£500

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*5 DNA Resit Learners are Learners who did not attend the target examination that they were entered for and who had not been deferred to a different exam date by their Centre.*

*6 Badge is sent with certificate to Learners who have passed both parts of the National Diploma in Dental Nursing examination or a post-registration qualification.*

*7 Fee is refunded if appeal is upheld. Refer to Appeals Policy for full details.*



## NEBDN Schedule of Fees and Charges for Integrated Apprenticeship with End-Point Assessment (EPA) 2023/24

- ❖ This schedule should be read in conjunction with NEBDN's Fees and Invoicing Policy
- ❖ Accredited Providers should also refer to the Provider Handbook.
- ❖ Fees listed under 'Admissions' sections are directly chargeable/invoiced to accredited Providers (not Learners).
- ❖ Providers have 48 hours from date of invoice to query any items, including mistakes and withdrawn Learners. Following the 48-hour grace period all fees will be payable.
- ❖ Except where stated, fees are not refundable and cannot be transferred between Learners.
- ❖ We will accept direct payment from Learners for products and services listed under the 'Assessment and Awards' section only.
- ❖ Queries about the information in this schedule should be emailed to [accounts@nebdn.org](mailto:accounts@nebdn.org)

<b>ADMISSIONS: Registration fee 1 (fee charged to Provider per new Learner registered with NEBDN)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Registration for Integrated Apprenticeship	£250
Re-sit for Apprenticeship Knowledge Test 2	£35

**1** Registration fee is a one-off fee charged to Providers per Learner registered with NEBDN. The fee is not refundable and not transferrable between Learners

**2** Learners can take a maximum of three Knowledge Test resits after which they must begin the course again

<b>ADMISSIONS: End-Point Assessment fee</b>	<b>Fee</b>
End-Point Assessment: Structured Clinical Assessment (invoiced at the point of Gateway)	£700
End-Point Assessment: Structured Clinical Assessment Re-sit 3	£600
End-Point Assessment: Structured Clinical Assessment Re-take 4	£600

**3** Learners can take a maximum of three Structured Clinical Assessment resits after which they will be recommended for a re-take

**4** The EPA re-take fee will be charged if the Learner fails the Structured Clinical Assessment three times and it is necessary for parts of the on-programme course to be re-visited before the EPA can be attempted again