



**ADEA Rules for Extending Offers of Admission to Dental School**  
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**Earliest Notification Date.** Dental schools begin notifying applicants, either orally or in writing, of provisional or final acceptance no earlier than December 1 of the academic year prior to the academic year of matriculation. For example, offers of acceptance for fall 2012 begin no earlier than December 1, 2011.

**Applicant Response Periods.** Applicants extended an offer of acceptance between December 1 and January 31 have 30 days to respond. The response period for applicants extended an offer of acceptance on or after February 1 and through May 15 is 15 days. Applicants accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate response to an admissions offer.

**Applicants Holding Positions at Multiple Institutions.** Starting April 1, dental schools report to ADEA AADSAS the names and identification numbers of candidates who have paid a deposit, hold a position in a dental school entering class, or both. After April 5, ADEA AADSAS reports to each institution the names of candidates for its entering class who hold acceptance(s) at additional institutions. A dental school may rescind an offer of admission to a candidate who has paid deposits to or holds positions at multiple institutions. If the dental school chooses to withdraw this candidate from the entering class, the dental school must give the candidate a minimum 15-day notice.

These are highlights from the *ADEA Guidelines for Dental Schools When Extending Offers of Admission*, approved March 2010 by the ADEA House of Delegates. To see the complete guidelines, go to:

[http://www.adea.org/dental\\_education\\_pathways/AFASA/GoADEA\\_AFASA/Documents/2010%20ADEA%20Guidelines%20for%20Dental%20Schools%20When%20Extending%20Offers%20of%20Admission.pdf](http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/AFASA/GoADEA_AFASA/Documents/2010%20ADEA%20Guidelines%20for%20Dental%20Schools%20When%20Extending%20Offers%20of%20Admission.pdf).