

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS  
COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE  
January 26-27, 2023**

The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met on January 26-27, 2023, at ADA Headquarters. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council:

1. Noted that the model state legislation for an interstate licensure compact for dentistry and dental hygiene is final. The development of the model was funded by the US Department of Defense, managed by the Council of State Governments (CSG) and supported by the ADA and ADHA. Advocacy efforts among interested states are underway.
2. Approved transmitting a resolution to the 2023 House of Delegates proposing amendment to the Comprehensive Policy on Dental Licensure.
3. Approved transmitting resolutions to the 2023 House of Delegates proposing rescission of the following policies:
  - Examinations of Allied Dental (Non-dentist) Personnel
  - Specialty Areas of Dental Practice
  - Requirements for Board Certification
4. Reviewed and affirmed that the following ADA policies be retained as written and directed that this action be reported to the 2023 House of Delegates:
  - Promotion of Freedom of Movement for Dental Hygienists
  - Policy on State Dental Board Recognition of the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards
5. Received a briefing by ADA Executive Director, Dr. Raymond Cohlma, on his focus and vision for the ADA's future.
6. Approved CDEL priorities and projects for 2023 in light of the Strategic Plan and the Council's defined responsibilities.
7. Directed that written comment be transmitted to the Commission on Dental Accreditation supporting the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and Orofacial Pain. The Council also supported proposed changes to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry and urged the Commission to place further emphasis on emergency airway management via standardized simulated patient experiences.
8. Recognized the current workforce challenges facing the profession and educational institutions and supported the letter of 17 state dental associations requesting CODA to provide rationale for the current student/faculty ratios cited in the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting and Dental Therapy Education Programs. The Council urged CODA to re-evaluate and re-examine the current faculty/student ratios including an assessment, rationale, and data to support specific ratios.
9. Accepted the 2022 annual reports of the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology and the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
10. Received an overview of the Council's annual Scholarship Program which supports newly appointed dental faculty members and/or practitioners interested in pursuing academia through the Academy for Advancing Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning.

11. Received a presentation from the Executive Director and staff of the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc., on DANB's Annual Report to CDEL, recent Workforce Report, collaboration with ADA's Health Policy Institute for research on the workforce shortage, and possible future changes to dental assisting credentialing.
12. Accepted the Council on Scientific Affairs' proposed plan to complete a scoping review of the published research on moderate sedation in adults in the dental setting rather than Council's previous request to develop clinical practice guidelines for minimal, moderate and deep sedation in adults.

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