

**UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF MAJOR ACTIONS  
COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE  
June 6-7, 2024**

The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met on June 6-7, 2024, at ADA Headquarters and via Zoom. The following is a summary of major actions taken by the Council:

1. Approved transmitting a resolution to the 2024 House of Delegates proposing amendment to the following policy:
  - Criteria for Recognition of a Certification Board for Dental Assistants
2. Received a presentation from and engaged in discussion with the American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) Workgroup on the development of EPA's and supportive resources for dental education that are intended to provide a framework that bridges competencies to clinical practice.
3. Received a briefing by ADA Executive Director, Dr. Raymond Cohlma, on recent changes and the future direction of the ADA.
4. Directed that the eligibility criteria for the Dental Admission Test (DAT), the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT), and the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) partial fee waiver programs be expanded to include undocumented immigrants who are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients at the time of application.
5. Received a progress report on the Dentist and Dental Hygienist (DDH) Compact. Nine states have enacted the DDH Compact and three are still pending in this legislative session. The DDH Compact Commission will have its first meeting in late August 2024.
6. Reviewed a proposed resolution from the Council on Government Affairs to address workforce shortages that would encourage states to adopt policy to allow internationally trained dentists to obtain licensure to practice as dental hygienists.
7. Reviewed a proposed resolution from the Large Group and Multi-site Practice Task Force and the Council on Dental Practice (CDP) to amend the current policy statement, "Dentists' Choice of Practice Models" to be more inclusive and better reflect all practice modalities.
8. Recommended to the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA) that references of "foreign trained dentists" be changed to "internationally educated dentists" in all ADA governing documents.
9. Directed that the Continuing Education (CE) Pilot Program be made permanent and responsibility for CE oversight be transferred to the CE Department, but that CDEL retain responsibility for CE policy review. Directed that CDEL's areas of subject matter responsibilities listed in the Governance and Organizational Manual be amended to reflect this change and that this be reported to the 2024 House of Delegates. The Council approved sunsetting the CE Committee.
10. Conducted the Council's 2024 self-assessment and directed that the findings be reported to the 2024 House of Delegates.
11. In response to Resolution 408H-2023, recommended that the ADA prioritize lobbying efforts focused on allied dental education debt relief for graduation of CODA-accredited education programs, that state dental associations advocate for increased resources from state and local governments for community and technical college dental hygiene and dental assistant education programs, and that state dental associations create and implement awareness and pipeline programs for the dental hygiene and dental assisting professions.

12. Elected Dr. Jason A. Tanguay to serve as the Council chair and Dr. Paul A. Shadid to serve as the Council vice-chair for 2024-2025.

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