

1 **Resolution Number:** 300-2023

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the *Current Statements of Position or Policy* L-1 Initial Licensure Pathways

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Licensure

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Board of Trustees

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board Recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** At the 2022 ASDA House of Delegates, resolution 404-2022 sought
14 to change ASDA’s L-1 initial dental licensure policy. The House of Delegates voted to refer resolution
15 404-2022 to the 2022-23 Board of Trustees to do the following: 1. Research the effectiveness of third-
16 party assessment of PGY-1. 2. Determine its validity and reliability for initial licensure. 3. Report back at
17 the 2023 House of Delegates meeting. After months of research, the task force agreed the most
18 important factor for clinical examinations is standardization. Thus, the portfolio exam and PGY-1 should
19 not be included in ASDA’s ideal licensure exam due to their lack of standardization and susceptibility to
20 subjectivity. The task force agreed the best way to assess and standardize competency is through a non-
21 patient-based kinesthetic exam and submission of an OSCE.

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23 It was proposed to change “and” in line 55 to “or,” and add “graduation from a CODA-accredited PGY-1
24 program and/or completion of at least one year of a specialty residency program.” A similar amendment
25 was discussed by last year’s House of Delegates and determined more research was needed. This is why
26 the task force was created to investigate the charges listed above.

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28 The Reference Committee believes ASDA policies should be representative of its entire membership and
29 recommends a Yes vote.

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31 **Background:** At the 2022 ASDA House of Delegates, resolution 404-2022 sought to change ASDA’s L-1
32 initial dental licensure policy to permit any, not all, of the pathways as an acceptable option to initial
33 dental licensure. Resolution 404-2022 also sought to permit a postgraduate year one (PGY-1) residency
34 as an acceptable pathway to initial dental licensure. Based on testimony shared by the House of
35 Delegates, the reference committee agreed further investigation was required. The House of Delegates
36 voted to refer resolution 404-2022 to the 2022-23 Board of Trustees to do the following: 1. Research the
37 effectiveness of third-party assessment of PGY-1. 2. Determine its validity and reliability for initial
38 licensure. 3. Report back at the 2023 House of Delegates meeting. The 2022-23 Board of Trustees
39 appointed a dedicated task force to investigate the referral and present their findings to the Board. After
40 months of research, the task force agreed the most important factor for clinical examinations is
41 standardization. Thus, the portfolio exam and PGY-1 should not be included in ASDA’s ideal licensure
42 exam due to their lack of standardization and susceptibility to subjectivity. The task force agreed the
43 best way to assess and standardize competency is through a non-patient-based kinesthetic exam and
44 submission of an OSCE. The task force determined the ASDA L-1 policy should be a complete
45 representation of the components already universally accepted as necessary for initial dental licensure,
46 including educational and written components, and not just the clinical component.

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48 **RESOLUTION**

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50 **Resolved,** that ASDA’s L-1 Initial Licensure Pathways policy be amended to read as follows:

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52 ASDA understands alternatives that are preferable to the current process exist, however, ~~the American~~ **The American**
53 **Student Dental Association** believes ~~an~~ **the ideal requirements for initial dental licensure exam include**
54 **the following:**

- 55 • **Graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited predoctoral dental**
56 **education program.**
- 57 • **Passing score on the National Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National**
58 **Dental Examinations.**
- 59 • **Successful completion of a clinical assessment that addresses the following criteria and**
60 **methodology.**
 - 61 ○ **Criteria:**
 - 62 ▪ Does not use human subjects in a live clinical testing scenario
 - 63 ▪ Is psychometrically valid and reliable in its assessment
 - 64 ▪ Is reflective of the scope of current dental practice
 - 65 ▪ Is universally accepted
 - 66 ○ **Methodology:** ~~The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) believes demonstration~~
67 ~~of both kinesthetic and clinical decision-making competence is necessary to obtain~~
68 ~~initial dental licensure. ASDA believes this should be demonstrated through the~~
69 ~~following:~~
 - 70 ▪ **Manikin-based kinesthetic assessment, and**
 - 71 ▪ **A non-patient based Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). and**
 - 72 ~~▪ Submission of a portfolio of comprehensive patient care.~~

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74 **Action:** The Chair moves 300-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote.