

## **Report Title:** Resolution 204-2025 Report

## RESOLUTION

**Resolved**, that the following statement be added to the Current Statements of Position or Policy under section A, Dental Education Administration:

9 Expanding CODA accreditation to international programs outside the United States raises  
10 concerns about increased oversight and potential disruptions to the U.S. dental workforce. Such  
11 an expansion could undermine the interests of American dental students and even create a  
12 loophole for applicants unable to gain admission to U.S. schools to seek training abroad, similar  
13 to trends seen in medical education. Therefore, ASDA opposes the accreditation of additional  
14 dental schools abroad in order to maintain the quality and balance of the dental profession in  
15 the United States.

17 **Action:** The Chair moves resolution 204-2025 with a recommendation to refer to the 2025-26  
18 Board of Trustees for further analysis and report back to the House of Delegates 2026.

## REPORT BACKGROUND

## Actions taken by the 2025-26 Board of Trustees:

- The Executive Committee connected with CODA staff to learn more about CODA accreditation of international programs.
- The Board surveyed state dental boards to collect data on applicants that graduated from a CODA accredited international dental program.

## REPORT FINDINGS

Based on the discussion with CODA staff, the Board learned the following:

- CODA has accredited two dental programs outside the United States: Saudi Arabia and Turkey.
- In CODA's strategic plan, it references global accreditation as a strategic priority. Upon further review, the goal is to foster and maintain relationships with international programs and organizations.
- CODA only responds to inquiries for international accreditation, they do not seek out international programs to accredit.
- The United States and Canada have a reciprocal agreement with regards to dental programs.

1     • CODA does not collect data on individual graduates of dental school programs, they  
2     directed the ASDA Board to connect with state dental boards.

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5     Data from the survey of state dental boards,

6         • Received 20 responses from state dental boards.

7         • Out of the twenty states that responded, seven states did not license anyone from the  
8         CODA accredited program in Saudi Arabia or the Canadian dental programs.

9         • Out of the twenty states that responded, three states licensed individuals graduating  
10        from a Canadian dental school program.

11         • Out of the twenty states that responded, one state provided a license to an individual  
12        graduating from the CODA accredited program in Saudi Arabia.

13         • Out of the twenty states that responded, one state provided a teaching license to an  
14        individual graduating from the CODA accredited program in Saudi Arabia.

15         • Out of the twenty states that responded, ten states were unable to provide this data.

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17     Since CODA is not responsible for determining initial licensure and the data from state dental  
18     boards is limited, the Board does not recommend adopting a policy on this issue at this time.

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20     The report is informational, and no resolutions are presented.