

Resolution No.	6	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Council on Dental Practice			
Date Submitted:	April 11, 2025	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
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PGY-1

Background: In 2007, the State of New York added a requirement that dental school graduates successfully complete a CODA-approved residency of at least one-year to qualify for dental licensure. At its 2024 meeting, the NYSDA House adopted resolution 16H-2024 asking for re-evaluation of this requirement (aka PGY-1 model) for licensure. The Board formally referred the resolution to the councils on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry and Dental Education and Licensure for recommendations to the 2025 HOD but also asked the Council on Dental Practice (CDP) to consider the matter.

There are several reasons to reconsider this requirement. One is to address the access-to-dental care problem in New York State and the shortage of dental providers, particularly in certain regions. Another is the crushing education debt that most dental school students have amassed upon graduation. Adding more debt and interest expense in residency further exacerbates their financial burden. Many New York dental school students have cited this factor as the reason they will seek to practice in other states upon graduation. There is some demographic data that bears this out, indicating that the dentist population in New York State lacks in representation of new dentists. We share a long border with Canada, yet graduates of Canadian dental schools are deterred from working in New York State by the CODA residency requirement.

The current licensure requirement in New York State for completion of PGY-1 was initially put in place with the intention of making new graduates better prepared to enter practice. While there is no doubt that a one-year residency has great benefit, it has not become the standard for licensure throughout the country. New York is, in fact, one of only two states that imposes this requirement on dental school graduates. Some people are concerned that allowing other licensure pathways will have a negative effect on residency programs; however, there is no significant data to support this contention.

At the time of the implementation of the PGY-1 requirement, there was also the need to move away from patient-centered board examinations. This has been achieved with the adoption of the ADEX examination, which the rest of the states accept as suitable for licensure.

The CDP supports the PGY-1 model as one option for dental licensure yet feels that an additional path should be allowed by successfully completing the ADEX dental examination. The ADEX exam is a well-accepted competency test and the pathway for dental licensure in 48 other states. With the goal of increasing the number of licensed dentists in New York State, the licensure requirements should be expanded to allow for multiple pathways to licensure in the state.

Accordingly, the following resolution is being submitted for consideration:

6. Resolved, NYSDA seek to amend NYS Education law to allow dental licensure via either successful completion of a CODA-approved residency program or passage of the ADEX Dental Examination, in addition to current existing licensure requirements.

Board Comments: The Board feels that we should provide dental graduates in New York the same opportunity for licensure by successfully completing the ADEX exam, as is allowed by 48 other states. We also feel the option of licensure by successful completion of a residency should be retained.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES

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Casper-Klock	x				Greenberg	x				Korkosz	x			
Cuomo	x				Hills	x				Miller	x			
Demas		x			Jackson	x				Rothas	X			
Edwards	x				Jacobo	x				Samuels	x			
Gamache	x				Jonke	x				Scharoff	x			
Giordano	x									Stacy	X			
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