

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION #12**

Submitted by: Policy & Bylaws Task Force

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT AzDHA:

Retire Policy 15-84

~~The ASDHA supports licensure by testing theory and clinical proficiency through a written examination and the Western Regional Examining Board's clinical examination in order to maintain a high quality of care for the consumer.~~

**Justification:**

This policy has been in place since 1984. Today, there is increasing momentum surrounding the issue of readiness to practice and barriers to labor market entry. Updated policy on clinical licensure examinations is required to respond to innovative and validated testing methods that are becoming available. In addition, it is inappropriate to endorse a specific testing agency (e.g. Western Regional Examining Board) as several other regional testing agencies meet AZ clinical exam requirements and are desirable alternatives. The ADHA has adopted more current policies as stated below.

1S-18/1-08: The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports elimination of the patient procedure-based, single encounter clinical examination for candidates who are graduates of Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene programs and who are eligible to take the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.

24A&B-00/6-77/14-91/23-00/5-05/1-02/5-88: The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports recognition of a valid, reliable, and cost-effective dental hygiene national board examination which tests the ability to apply knowledge of dental hygiene biological sciences and oral medicine. Eligibility for this exam, administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations is limited to graduates and graduate-eligible students of accredited dental hygiene programs.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

General Assembly Task Force	Board of Directors	General Assembly
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<input type="checkbox"/> Makers were asked to withdraw	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt as amended	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt as amended
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refer
<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	<input type="checkbox"/> Reject
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict with the Bylaws		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conflict with existing policy		
<input type="checkbox"/> Duplication of current policy		
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