

**DENTAL THERAPY, DENTAL HYGIENE, ORTHODONTIC
AUXILIARY, DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY**

(01 April 2017 – 31 March 2018)

Name

Registration no:

Address

Qualifications:

Scope(s) of practice:

Conditions on practice:

This retention application only relates to the scope(s) of practice you are already registered in, as recorded above. Please complete all questions and refer to the guidance notes when completing this form.

You are required to return your completed retention application form and workforce survey questionnaire to reach the Dental Council office **by 31 March 2017**. All incomplete or incorrect forms will be returned and will not be processed by the Dental Council.

1. Intentions for 2017/2018 Please tick the appropriate box

- I do **NOT** intend to practise in New Zealand during the period commencing 01 April 2017 and ending 31 March 2018 but wish to be retained on the Register as a non-practising registrant.
- I intend to practise in New Zealand during the period commencing 01 April 2017 and ending 31 March 2018 and wish to apply for an annual practising certificate (APC).

Do not complete this form. Go to www.dcnz.org.nz/i-practise-in-new-zealand/apply-for-an-annual-practising-certificate/ download, complete and return the APC application form.

Note that the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 requires every health practitioner practising in New Zealand to hold a current APC.

- I do not intend to practise in New Zealand and wish to have my name removed from the Register.

Answer Question 6 and complete the Declaration at section 7

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4. Dental Register information

Your address, phone, fax and email details can only be included in the published public Register if you agree.

Which **address** details would you like published on the public Register? (select only one)

None Postal *or* Practice *or* Residential

Which **contact** details, pertaining to the address chosen above, would you like published on the public Register?

None All Email *and/or* Phone *and/or* Fax

5. Health Practitioner Index

Your date of birth and/or gender can only be supplied to the Ministry of Health if you agree. Answer this question by ticking either "Yes" or "No".

I agree that the Dental Council may inform the Ministry of Health of my date of birth and/or gender if this is required to verify my identity for the purposes of the Health Practitioner Index.

Yes

No

6. Conduct

Since you were last issued an APC in New Zealand, have you been subject to:

A police investigation, pending court proceedings, and/or a conviction in any criminal proceedings (whether in New Zealand or overseas), punishable by imprisonment for a term of 3 months or longer by any court (including traffic offences involving alcohol and/or drugs)?

Yes *If yes, please provide evidence relating to the investigations, proceedings or convictions.*

No

7. Declaration

Please be aware it is an offence under section 172 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 to knowingly make a false or misleading declaration or representation and the penalty for committing such an offence is a fine of up to \$10,000.

I hereby declare that:

- The information I have given in this application is true and correct.
- I am aware of, and will act in accordance with, my legal obligation to notify the Dental Council of any name and/or address changes.
- I understand that the public Register and extracts from it may be provided by the Dental Council to organisations or members of the public, upon request.

In signing this declaration, I also consent to the Dental Council seeking information from the Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC) pertaining to any investigations that the HDC may have about me.

Signed:
[Signature of applicant]

[Full name of applicant]

Date:
Day Month Year

Retention – recency of practice policy

Please review the Dental Council's policy on recency of practice. Any practitioner who has not held a practising certificate for more than three years, and has not been practising in their profession overseas, will be subject to this policy. The policy requires the Dental Council to consider, on a case-by-case basis, any application for an APC by a practitioner returning to practice after three years before it can be issued. The Dental Council can decide that conditions be put on the scope of practice of practitioners subject to this policy. In cases of extended periods of time away from practice, some form of retraining may be required. For more information, go to our website at <http://www.dcnz.org.nz/resources-and-publications/resources/policies>.

The current continuing professional development (CPD) cycle for dental hygienists, dental therapists, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians runs from 1/1/2014 to 31/12/2017. Within this cycle practitioners are required to meet a certain minimum number of verifiable CPD hours and peer contact activities. Please ensure that you are keeping up to date with your CPD to ensure you meet the requirements at the end of the cycle. For more information go to our website at <http://www.dcnz.org.nz/i-practise-in-new-zealand/continuing-professional-development/>.

[This completes the retention application form. Please complete the workforce survey on the next page.](#)

The public Register on the Dental Council website is updated daily, and practitioners (or members of the public) can view their practising status at the following link: www.dcnz.org.nz

Please note that:

- to produce statistically meaningful data, we need to get back as many survey forms as possible
- the Dental Council will only use the information collected to monitor workforce trends, and will not publish information in a form that could identify individuals
- the data collected may be shared with the Ministry of Health (MOH) for the purpose of workforce planning. Similarly, MOH will not publish the information in a form that could identify individuals

Please return the workforce survey along with the retention application form – do not detach this section from the application form

Name: _____ Registration number: _____

I give my permission to the Dental Council to provide the data collected from my workforce survey to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of workforce planning.

Yes

No

Section A

1. How would you describe your practising status during the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017?

- Practising in New Zealand
- Practising overseas
- Overseas but not practising
- In New Zealand but not practising

2. Which ethnic group(s) do you identify with? See workforce survey guidance notes for further information.

You may choose up to three options.

- New Zealand European
- Maori
- Samoan
- Cook Island Maori
- Chinese
- Indian
- British
- South African
- South Korean
- Iraqi
- Egyptian
- Fijian
- Tokelauan
- Tongan
- Niuean
- Other European (*please specify*) _____
- Other Pacific Peoples (*please specify*) _____
- Other East Asian (*please specify*) _____
- Other Asian (*please specify*) _____
- Other (*please specify*) _____

OR I do not wish to answer this question

3. Do you intend to practise in New Zealand over the next five years?

Yes

No

4. During the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 did you undertake any postgraduate training that could lead to registration in a scope of practice with the Dental Council?

Yes

(a) Name of qualification

(b) Date of completion, or anticipated completion:

No

Section B

Only complete Section B if you have been **practising** during the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

5. Please enter the address where you **mostly** practised in the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. See workforce survey guidance notes for further information.

Street/road name

Suburb or rural locality

City, town or district

Postal code

Country (if not New Zealand)

6. On average, how many hours **per week** have you worked during the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017?

hrs/week

7. If you were **practising in New Zealand**, how would you break down the average number of hours worked **per week**, as listed in question 6, across your scope of practice and type of employment. If you have more than two jobs, show the two in which you have worked most hours (see workforce survey guidance notes for further information).

Hours of work per week

Scope of practice activities	Main type of employment (Employment type in which you work the greatest number of hours)	Second type of employment – if applicable (Employment type in which you work the next greatest number of hours)
Dental therapy work	Hrs	Hrs
Dental hygiene work	Hrs	Hrs
Orthodontic auxiliary work	Hrs	Hrs
Dental technician work	Hrs	Hrs
Clinical dental technician work	Hrs	Hrs
Teaching (use only if you were employed to teach)	Hrs	Hrs
Administration / management (use only if you were employed in administration/management)	Hrs	Hrs
TOTAL	Hrs/week	Hrs/week

GRAND TOTAL*

*Grand total hrs/week should align with your response to question 6

8. If you were practising in New Zealand, please tick to show your type(s) of employment.

Type of Employment	Main type of employment	Second type of employment
Self-employed:-		
In sole practice		
In a group practice		
Employee:-		
Of a private practice <i>Please specify type of practice (e.g. orthodontic specialist)</i>		
Of a DHB <i>Please specify name of DHB</i>		
Of a university		
Of a government department or ministry (<i>not Ministry of Health</i>)		
Of the Ministry of Health		
Of an iwi organisation		
Other (<i>Please specify</i>)		

9. If you were practising less than a total of 35 hours per week, what was the main reason for doing so? Please choose ONE (see workforce survey guidance notes for further information).

- Studying
- Health issues
- Doing non-dental work
- Not enough dental work available
- Seeking dental employment
- Semi-retired from practice
- Parental responsibilities, including maternity and paternity leave
- Personal choice
- Other (*please specify*)

Section C

Only complete Section C if you have **not** been practising during the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

10. While not practising, which of these best describes your employment status during this period?

- Working in another health profession
- Working in a non-health profession
- Full-time student
- Parental duties
- Other unpaid work
- Seeking work
- Retired

Thank you for your time and co-operation. Please return this form with your retention application

The workforce survey questionnaire seeks information about your practise in the year 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. You are asked to complete the survey as if you were completing it on 31 March 2017.

Section A: To be completed by all practitioners

Section B: To be completed if you **practised** during the year ending 31 March 2017

Section C: To be completed if you have **not practised** during the year ending 31 March 2017.

You must indicate whether you give the Dental Council permission, or not, to disclose the data collected from your workforce survey to the Ministry of Health, for the purpose of workforce planning.

Question 2 - Ethnic group

You may tick up to three ethnic groups. The ethnic groups listed are a combination of the Statistics New Zealand Standard Classification and the current profile of oral health practitioners on the dental Register.

Question 5 – Practice address

More than one practice address

If you work in more than one practice, please record the address of the practice in which you worked the most number of hours in a typical week. If you spend your time evenly between two or more practices, please nominate one address as your main practice address and record that address.

Change of employer

If you had more than one practice address because you changed employers during the year, please record the address where you worked for the longest period.

Questions 6 & 7 - Hours worked

If you work a variable number of hours per week, please record the average number of hours you worked in a typical week in Questions 6 & 7. For example 5 days/week on an average of 8 hours/day, a total of 40 hours/week.

Question 7 is a breakdown of that average number of hours worked per week across your scope of practice activities, by employment type.

Questions 7 & 8 - Type of employment

Questions 7 and 8 relate to the type and extent of your employment during the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

The main type of employment relates to the job in which you worked the greatest number of hours, and the second type of employment to the next greatest number of hours worked.

For question 7, if you have more than one type of employment, then allocate the average number of hours by scope of practice across two types of employments.

Question 9 – Reason for part-time work

For the purpose of this survey, part time work is defined as a total of **less than 35** hours worked per **week across all employments**. This should not include contract work as part of, or in addition to, your normal weekly employment arrangements.

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