

Registration information for dental students convicted of any offence against the law

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Statement

Although the Dental Council has no regulatory jurisdiction over dental students, students should be aware that their conduct prior to graduation may have a significant bearing on their future eligibility for registration as oral health practitioners.

1. Fitness for registration is covered in the Dental Council policy of fitness to practise.
2. As the Dental Council has no direct source of information about such infringements of the law or health disabilities by students it is the responsibility of the student in his or her own interest to bring notice of any conviction to the Dental Council. If in doubt the student should consult the Dean.
3. Applicants for registration must declare whether or not they have been convicted in New Zealand or overseas of any offence and whether they have ever had a recognised or treated drug or alcohol problem or other mental or physical disability or condition.
4. Details are required where applicable and failure to give this information may well jeopardise a graduate's right to registration (see Policy on Registration as an Oral Health Practitioner).
5. Since oral health practitioners are privileged in dealing with, drugs the Dental Council recognises a particular responsibility in relation to the abuse of such substances or conviction for crime in relation to drug usage or sale, or alcohol abuse, eg DIC convictions.
6. If you have any concern as to whether you may be eligible for registration following graduation you should either contact the Dean of your School or write to the Registrar of the Dental Council for advice.

Definitions

Dental student: any student undertaking an oral health degree or diploma which is recognised by the Dental Council as a prescribed qualification for registration.

References

1. Dental Council Policy on Registration as and Oral Health Practitioner in New Zealand.
2. Dental Council Policy on Fitness to Practise.