

Restoration to the Dental Register policy

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a consistent and fair approach when restoring an oral health practitioner to the Dental Register, while ensuring the public's health and safety.

Scope

This policy applies to all previously registered practitioners applying for restoration to the Dental Register¹.

Policy

1. On written application, oral health practitioners whose names have been removed from the Dental Register under sections 143(3), 144(3) or 144(5) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 ("the Act") will be restored to the Dental Register (subject to requirements of the Act).
2. If an oral health practitioner is successful in an application for restoration, any conditions on the practitioner's practice at the time registration was cancelled will be part of the practitioner's scope of practice until such time as the conditions are varied or cancelled by the Dental Council (in accordance with the Policy on recertification of an oral health practitioner).²

Process

Step	Responsibility	Action
1.	Applicant	<p>Complete application form (RR001), and attach the following documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Details of any court convictions, of health and of any pending or previous disciplinary proceedings in New Zealand or overseas; ▪ A Certificate of Good Standing if the practitioner has been registered with any other registration authority, in New Zealand or overseas; ▪ Details of the practitioner's practice and ongoing CPD since they last worked in New Zealand.

¹ This Policy will also apply to Practitioners who held full registration under the Dental Act 1988 and who were removed from the Register under the Dental Act 1988 for failure to notify change of address or non-residence in New Zealand.

² Dentists who held temporary registration under the Dental Act 1988 will not qualify for restoration to the register and will be required to make a new application for registration under the Act.

		If the applicant seeks to practice immediately upon restoration include an application for an annual practising certificate, containing the documentation listed on the form and the requisite fee.
2.	Applicant	Forward the completed application to the Council's office with the requisite fee.
3.	Dental Council	Review the application and be satisfied the practitioner is fit and competent to practice (additional information may be obtained either from the practitioner or from another source)
4.	Dental Council	If all requirements of the Act are satisfied, restore the practitioner's name to the Dental Register.
5.	Dental Council	If the applicant has applied for an APC and Council is satisfied of the practitioner meets the requirements, issue an APC. This will include any conditions on their scope of practice such as requiring them to practise under the supervision or oversight of another practitioner, or require them to undergo refresher course training or to sit and pass an assessment or examination

Other relevant documents

1. Dental Council policy on registration as an oral health practitioner in New Zealand.
2. Dental Council policy on recertification of an oral health practitioner in New Zealand.