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# **General Section**

# **Dental Council**

## **Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003**

# Notice of Replacement Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice is issued by the Dental Council. The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the "Scope of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice" in the notice published in the New Zealand Gazette, 4 March 2010, No. 25, page 592.

Scope of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice

## **Prescribed Qualifications**

- Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, Academy of Orthodontic Assisting; possession of a dental therapy, dental hygiene or dentistry qualification and approved experience in the provision of orthodontic auxiliary services under the direction and supervision of a dentist or dental specialist who can attest to competency<sup>1</sup>.
- Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, New Zealand Association of Orthodontists: Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme<sup>2</sup>.
- Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Hygiene), University of Otago, conferred from 2002 and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice; or
- Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice; or
- Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago conferred from 2002 and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice.

## **Notice of Replacement of Scope of Practice**

Pursuant to section 11 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice is issued by the Dental Council. The following replaces the scope of practice for the "Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice" in the notice published in the New Zealand Gazette, 17 March 2011, No. 32, page 872\*.

## **Dental Hygiene**

### Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice

The scope of practice for dental hygiene is set out in the documented "Detailed Scope of Practice for Dental Hygiene Practice" produced and published from time to time by the Dental Council.

Dental hygiene practice is a subset of the practice of dentistry, and is commensurate with a dental hygienist's approved education, training and competence.

A dental hygienist's major role is in the provision of oral health education and the prevention of oral disease to promote healthy oral behaviours. A dental hygienist's primary task is in prevention and non-surgical treatment of periodontal diseases. A dental hygienist guides patients' personal care to maintain sound oral tissues as an integral part of their general health.

Dental hygienists practise in a team situation with clinical guidance provided by a practising dentist or dental specialist<sup>1</sup>, though some aspects of the scope of practice are provided under direct clinical supervision<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 10 July 2006.

 $<sup>^2\</sup>text{The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 15 February 2010. <math display="inline">_{g s 8879}$ 

## Detailed Scope of Practice for Dental Hygiene Practice

The Dental Council defines the practice of dentistry as the maintenance of health through the assessment, diagnosis, management, treatment and prevention of any disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures.

Dental hygiene practice is a subset of the practice of dentistry, and is commensurate with a dental hygienist's approved education, training and competence.

A dental hygienist's major role is in the provision of oral health education and the prevention of oral disease to promote healthy oral behaviours. A dental hygienist's primary task is in prevention and non-surgical treatment of periodontal diseases. A dental hygienist guides patients' personal care to maintain sound oral tissues as an integral part of their general health. Dental hygienists practise in a team situation with clinical guidance provided by a practising dentist or dental specialist, though some aspects of the scope of practice are provided under direct clinical supervision.

Dental hygiene practice includes teaching, research and management given that such roles influence clinical practice and public safety.

Dental hygiene practice involves the following aspects:

### Provided under clinical guidance:

- Obtaining and reassessing medical and dental health histories.
- Examination of oral tissues and recognition of abnormalities.
- Assessing and provisionally diagnosing disease of periodontal tissues, and appropriate referral.
- Obtaining informed consent for dental hygiene care plans.
- Providing oral health education, information, promotion and counselling.
- Scaling, debridement and prophylaxis of supra and subgingival tooth surfaces.
- Applying and dispensing non-prescription preventive agents and fissure sealants.
- Applying and dispensing topical agents for the treatment of tooth surface sensitivity and tooth discolouration.
- Administering topical local anaesthetic.
- Taking impressions, recording occlusal relationships and making study models.
- Taking impressions, constructing and fitting mouthguards and bleaching trays.
- Taking intra and extra-oral photographs.
- Performing postoperative procedures such as removal of sutures and placement and removal of periodontal dressings.
- Recontouring and polishing of restorations.
- Taking periapical and bitewing radiographs for the purpose of recognising disease of the periodontium<sup>3</sup>.
- Taking extra-oral radiographs.
- Assisting the dentist or dental specialist in implementing orthodontic treatment plans, prepared by the dentist or dental specialist responsible for the patient's clinical care outcomes, through performing the following orthodontic procedures:
  - Tracing cephalometric radiographs.
  - Supragingival polishing of teeth (as part of oral hygiene, before bonding and after removal of fixed attachments).
  - Providing oral hygiene instruction and advice on the care and maintenance of orthodontic appliances.
  - Making study models, and fabricating retainers, and undertaking other simple laboratory procedures of an orthodontic nature.

## Provided under the direct clinical supervision of a dentist or dental specialist:

- Applying prescription preventive agents.
- Administering local anaesthetic using dentoalveolar infiltration and inferior dental nerve block techniques.
- Assisting the dentist or dental specialist in implementing orthodontic treatment plans, prepared by the dentist or dental specialist responsible for the patient's clinical care outcomes, through performing the following orthodontic procedures:
  - Placing separators.
  - Sizing of metal bands and their cementation including loose bands during treatment.
  - Preparation of teeth for the bonding of fixed attachments and fixed retainers.
  - Indirect bonding of brackets as set up by the dentist or dental specialist.
  - Placing archwires as formed by the dentist or dental specialist when necessary and replacing ligatures/closing self ligating brackets.
  - Removing archwires after removing elastomeric or wire ligatures, or opening self ligating brackets.
  - Removing fixed orthodontic attachments and retainers.
  - Removing adhesives after the removal of fixed attachments using burs in slow speed handpieces where there is minimal
    potential for the removal of enamel.
  - Trial fitting of removable appliances. This does not include activation.
  - Fitting of passive removable retainers.
  - Bonding preformed fixed retainers.

#### **Key to Annotations**

<sup>1</sup>Clinical guidance means the professional support and assistance provided to a dental hygienist by a practising dentist or dental specialist as part of the provision of overall integrated care to the patient group. Dental hygienists and dentists or dental specialists normally work from the same premises providing a team approach. Clinical guidance may be provided at a distance but appropriate access must be available to ensure that the dentist or dental specialist is able to provide guidance and advice, when required, and maintain general oversight of the clinical care outcomes of the patient group. Dental hygienists are responsible and accountable for their own clinical practice within their scope of practice but the dentist or dental specialist is responsible and accountable for the clinical guidance provided. Further detail on the working relationship between dental hygienists and dentists will be set out in the relevant Dental Council

<sup>2</sup>Direct clinical supervision means the clinical supervision provided to a dental hygienist by a practising dentist or dental specialist when the dentist is present on the premises at the time the dental hygiene work is carried out.

<sup>3</sup>Section 15 of the Radiation Protection Act 1965 requires non-licensed persons who take x-rays to do so under the supervision or instructions of a person who holds a licence under that Act.

\*New Zealand Gazette, 17 March 2011, No. 32, page 872

# **External Reporting Board**

## **Financial Reporting Act 1993**

# **Issued Accounting Standard: NZ Equivalent to** IFRIC Interpretation 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine (Notice No. 9)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 31 of the Financial Reporting Act 1993, that the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board of the External Reporting Board (XRB) has issued NZ Equivalent to IFRIC Interpretation 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine (NZ IFRIC 20).

- applies to all for-profit reporting entities and groups, other than where expressly exempted by its terms, the terms of any other approved accounting standard or by
- applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013; and
- is a Regulation for the purposes of the Regulations (Disallowance) Act 1989.

NZ IFRIC 20 is available on the XRB's website at www.xrb.govt.nz/accounting standards.

Copies may be purchased by emailing enquiries@xrb.govt.nz Dated this 20th day of December 2011.

MICHELE EMBLING, Chair, New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

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# **New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated**

# **Commodity Levies (Navel Oranges) Order 2006**

## Levy for New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated

Pursuant to section 11 of the Commodity Levies (Navel Oranges) Order 2006, navel orange growers and collection agents are advised that the levy rate for the year starting 1 April 2012 was set at the annual general meeting held on 1 September 2011.

From 1 April 2012, the levy rate for navel oranges (except those sold for processing) will remain set at one cent per kilogram.

If you have any questions, please contact New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated by telephone on (04) 917 7163, facsimile (04) 473 6041, or by email at info@citrus.co.nz Dated this 14th day of December 2011.

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# **Commodity Levies (Satsuma Mandarins) Order 2008**

# Levy for New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated

Pursuant to section 11 of the Commodity Levies (Satsuma Mandarins) Order 2008, Satsuma mandarin growers and collection agents are advised that the levy rate for the year starting 1 April 2012 was set at the annual general meeting held on 1 September 2011.

From 1 April 2012, the levy rate for Satsuma mandarins (except those sold for processing) will remain set at half a cent per kilogram.

If you have any questions, please contact New Zealand Citrus Growers Incorporated by telephone on (04) 917 7163, facsimile (04) 473 6041, or by email at info@citrus.co.nz

Dated this 14th day of December 2011.

# WEL Networks Limited

# **Electricity Distribution (Information Disclosure) Requirements 2008**

## Notice of Publication of Asset Management Plan— WEL Networks Limited

Pursuant to the Electricity Distribution (Information Disclosure) Requirements 2008, the Board of Directors of WEL Networks Limited gives notice that its Asset Management Plan for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2022 has been published and can be downloaded from WEL Networks Limited's website

www.wel.co.nz

Hard copies of the Asset Management Plan may be inspected at or obtained from WEL Networks Limited, 114 Maui Street, Te Rapa, Hamilton.

Dated this 19th day of December 2011.

JOHN SPENCER, Director, WEL Networks Limited.

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