

Dental Council of New Zealand Meeting 26 November 2007

Summary of Decisions

Guidance on verifiable CPD hours

It was noted that the guidance on verifiable CPD hours has been amended to read: “contributing authors of articles published in a peer reviewed scientific journal can claim up to four hours verifiable CPD.”

DCNZ submission to ERMA on teeth-whitening

The Dental Council’s submission to the Environmental Risk Management Authority on chemically induced-teeth-whitening products was provided to ERMA in October. To date no response had been received.

Management accounts for period ending 30 September 2007

The draft Dental Council management accounts for the period ending 30 September 2007 shows:

- the closing reserve balance of \$1,416, 357 (compared with the budget position of \$1,097,568)
- the projected closing reserve position as at 31/03/08 is estimated to be \$1, 224,065 (compared with the budget position of \$944,696).

Cost allocation model

From next year the APC for each practitioner group will comprise three components:

- DCNZ levy to cover costs incurred by the Council on behalf of practitioners. These costs will be apportioned on a “per registrant” basis.
- Board / profession levy to cover each profession’s activities.
- Disciplinary levy to meet costs arising from the investigation by a Professional Conduct Committee or proceedings of the Tribunal (section 131 HPCAA)

Increase in APCs for dental technicians

Council noted that there will be an increase in APCs for dental technicians in 2008.

Registration and examination fees

Council resolved to approve the BAC’s decisions to adopt the macro methodology for setting registration and examination fees and the proposed new fees to take effect from 1 April 2008.

Online registration

Council approved further research into the possibility of implementing on-line applications for APCs.

Neil Waddell is reappointed to the Dental Technicians Board

Council noted that the Dental Technicians Board recommended to Council to reappoint Neil Waddell to the Board for a three-year term ending 7 April 2011. Council agreed to extend his current appointment to the Dental Technicians Board until a ministerial appointment is made to the Dental Council.

Oral surgery

The Council further considered the matter of registration of oral surgeons and agreed to redraft the consultation document and have it reviewed by the Dental Board at their December meeting.

Taking of radiographs and the general scopes of dental therapy, dental hygiene and orthodontic auxiliary practice

The Dental Council will be consulting with professional associations on the proposed wording changes to the general scopes of dental therapy, dental hygiene and orthodontic auxiliary practice in regard to the taking of radiographs.

Implant overdenture final fit

After working with the New Zealand Institute of Dental Technologists to clarify the intention of the wording relating to the final fitting of implant overdentures, the Council has agreed to the following wording:

“final fitting” means ensuring the patient is referred back to the prescribing dentist for ongoing monitoring and management of that patient’s oral health.

Registration examinations

Upcoming examinations include:

- NZDREX clinical – February 2008
- Endodontic Specialist registration examination – mid-2008
- Dental Technician registration examination – February 2008
- Dental Hygiene registration examination – March 2008

Medical emergencies in dental practice

An updated list of approved training providers will be posted on the Dental Council website.

Code of practices

Council agreed to the NZDA’s request to include the Code of practice on transmissible major viral infections as part of the compliance declaration for recertification and to adopt the joint Code of practice on cross-infection in dental practice.

Recertification

Consequences of non-compliance with CPD requirements will be included in the 2008-09 APC application form and guide notes booklet. Application packets will be sent to practitioners in late February.

Bachelor of Dental Technology (Honours) Otago University

Council will be developing an accreditation team to review this new programme.

Health HPCAA practitioner survey

Council noted that the Ministry of Health has requested that the Council alert practitioners to the survey of health practitioners questionnaire, in whatever way the Council thinks appropriate. The Council resolved to publicise the questionnaire by including a reference to it in the upcoming DCNZ newsletter.

Meeting dates

25 February 2008