

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo o Aotearoa

DENTISTRY - DENTAL HYGIENE - CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL THERAPY

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 2 August 2010

Work Flow – Cost Allocation

The following professional group proportions would to be applied to the allocation of Council costs for 1 April 2010.

- Dentists 0.652793
- Hygienists 0.111591
- Therapists 0.147757
- Technicians 0.087859.

Impact of GST Increase Effective 1 October 2010

Council agreed that all fees would to be gazetted on a GST exclusive basis as per the Dental Council fee schedule.

Per Person Examination Fees -Therapy, Hygiene and Technology

Council approved GST exclusive examination fees for Hygienists, Therapists and Technicians for gazetting as follows:

Up to four candidates:

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| - Dental Therapist (Clinical) | \$5,390 |
| - Dental Therapist (Written) | \$2,368 |
| - Dental Hygienist (Clinical) | \$5,390 |
| - Dental Hygienist (Written) | \$2,368 |
| - Dental Technician | \$2,502 |

Five and above candidates:

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| - Dental Therapist (Clinical) | \$4,760 |
| - Dental Therapist (Written) | \$1,783 |
| - Dental Hygienist (Clinical) | \$4,760 |
| - Dental Hygienist (Written) | \$1,783 |
| - Dental Technician | \$2,004 |

Dental Technician Board

Council appointed John Batchelor (Clinical Dental Technician), Ian Mercer (Dental Technician), Byron Lord (Dental Technician) and Bede Carran as lay person to the Dental Technician Board for a term of three years.

Requests for Cancellation of Registration

Council directed the Register to cancel the entries in the register of those practitioners named in Appendix 1 pursuant to section 142 of the Act; and those practitioners named in Appendix 3 pursuant to section 144(5) of the Act.

Consultation Feedback on the Dental Technology and Clinical Dental Technology Scope of Practice

Council considered each submission including late submissions and approved the proposed amendments, as consulted with stakeholders, to the Dental Technology Scope of Practice subject to the requirement that:

- Dental technicians wishing to have direct contact with patients will be required to gain DCNZ accreditation of laboratories and demonstrate that they have a working environment which complies with relevant standards for patient care e.g. Council's Code of Practice on Infection Control.
- Dental technicians who identify that they take shades as detailed in the scope of practice will be required to make a self declaration (via their annual practising certificate application) with regard to their working environment complying with the Council's relevant codes of practice and working agreement with referring dentists/dental specialists; and would be subject to random audit.
- Council clarifies in the scope that a dental technician taking a shade for an implant retained crown/bridge must not remove or place an abutment as part of this process.
- the code of practice of dental technology and clinical dental technology and the working relationship with the practice of dentistry code be reviewed in light of the changes.
- Council confirms that CORE level 1 medical emergency certificate has the appropriate level of resuscitation training.
- Council develops documentation outlining the steps that must be taken for the laboratory to be granted accreditation.

Council furthermore approved the proposed amendments, as consulted with stakeholders, to the Clinical Dental Technology scopes of practice subject to:

- the highlighted addition "taking impressions, relining and undertaking other non-invasive clinical procedures involved in the construction of removable complete and partial root/tooth supported overdentures subject to the patient having obtained an Oral Health Certificate from *and on the prescription* of a dentist or dental specialist, and prior to the final fitting by a dentist or dental specialist.
- the code of practice of dental technology and clinical dental technology and the working relationship with the practice of dentistry code be reviewed in light of the changes.

Consultation Proposal for Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene General Scopes of Practice to be extended to include the relevant add on scopes of practice

Council agreed to circulate the draft document reflecting the proposed changes to include the relevant add on scopes into the general scopes of Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene for feedback from Council members; and to prepare the consultation document for final approval by Council at the October 2010 Council meeting.

Draft Examination Policies

The Policy on the New Zealand Dental Registration Examinations: Applicants with Assessment of Eligibility applications submitted PRIOR 4 November 2009; and the Policy on the New Zealand Dental Registration Examinations: Applicants with Assessment of Eligibility applications submitted AFTER 4 November 2009 was approved by Council.

The change of including NZ Immigration approved laboratories under the Hepatitis report requirements on the website and application forms was also approved and all examination applicants were to be informed of the policy changes and the potential impact thereof on their examination process.

Draft Code of Practice on Advertising

Council was currently considering a draft Code of Practice on Advertising in consultation with NZDA.

Annual Reports – Technology Programmes : University of Otago

Council accepted the interim reports for the Bachelor of Dental Technology, Bachelor of Dental Technology (Honours) and Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology programmes.

Accreditation Report : The Oral and Maxillo Surgery Education and Training Program of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons

Council was to inform the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons that there will be a cost associated with the accreditation review of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and training Program.

It would request the chairs of the ADC/AMC accreditation review teams to provide Council with an independent report of developments on the specific concerns expressed by Council in May 2007 regarding the:

- (i) agreement to be put in place between RACDS and university dental schools on the schools' role in the OMS training programme with particular reference to:
 - the roles and responsibilities of University employed practitioners involved in the RACDS training scheme
 - the research component of the programme
 - in the case of New Zealand, the plan for achieving greater integration of the RACDS training programme with the University of Otago programme and a resulting reduction in the training time
- (ii) full details of the modular curriculum with particular reference to the educational objectives, an overall curriculum map, educational material, the business plan and plans for implementing, coordinating, ongoing review and updating of modules; and

The report was to be submitted to the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons to comment on correctness of fact as is normal practice under the joint ADC/Dental Council accreditation guidelines.

Accreditation Review Teams

Council finalised and approved the composition of the BDS and Dental Technology review teams as communicated to the University except that an additional dental technician was required for the Dental Technology review:

BDS Accreditation Review Team

- Prof Paul Abbott (Chair)
- Prof Anthony Blinkhorn
- Dr David Crum
- Dr Pauline Koopu
- John Robertson (Layperson)
- Dr Paul Scott
- Ms Suzanne Bornman (observer)
- Ms Marie Warner (observer)

Dental Technology Accreditation Review Team

- Prof Peter Wilson (chair)
- Joanna Louise Harris
- Dr Andrew Mackie
- Craig Metcalfe
- Ms Suzanne Bornman (observer); and

Council also approved the recommended composition of the NZDREX clinical review team scheduled for the February 2011 accreditation review.

Criteria for Changes in Established Programs

Council accepted the recommendation of the ADC/Dental Council Accreditation Committee to adopt the document “Criteria for Assessing Major Changes in Established Dental and Oral Health Education and Training Programs” for accreditation purposes and agreed to its inclusion in appropriate form in the relevant Accreditation Guidelines.

Amended Guidelines for Programme accreditation

Council approved a recommendation of the ADC/Dental Council Accreditation Committee to amend the Accreditation guidelines to produce Accreditation Standards and be adopted for use in the accreditation processes.

The following revised Accreditation Standards were approved:

- Accreditation Standards: Education Programs for Dentists;
- Accreditation Standards: Education Programs for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists;
- Accreditation Standards: Education Programs for Dental Specialists; and the draft version of the ADC/Dental Council Accreditation Guidelines and Explanatory Notes.

Guidelines for Clinical Supervision and Outplacement

The changes suggested by Australian Dental Council and adoption of the draft “Guidelines on clinical supervision and outplacement” for use in the ADC/Dental Council accreditation processes, and inclusion in appropriate form in the relevant ADC/Dental Council Accreditation Guidelines were approved by Council.

Recommendations and Actions in Accreditation Reports

Council approved the recommendation for the amendments to be made to the options for accreditation status to be awarded as the outcome of a Dental Council accreditation review.

HRANZ Logo and Letterhead – Legal Status

Council does not support a formalised structure or the development of a logo for HRANZ and HRANZ to be advised.