

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho o Aotearoa

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

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 23 May 2011

Discipline Adjustment – Dentists APC Fee 1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012

Council agreed to an increase in the Dentist Competency operational reserve by \$30k (from 75k to \$105k); and to apply the remaining operational reserve surplus of \$106k to the calculation of the 2011/12 APC Fee for Dentists. This resulted in a revised overall APC fee for Dentists, effective 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012, of \$735.41 (GST exclusive) compared with \$705.52 (GST exclusive), that was consulted on earlier this year and to go out to consultation to all dentists on the revised APC fee.

Dental Council Approved Fee Course

The course fee to equip registered oral health practitioners to remove exclusions from their registration for providers who do provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification of \$1,736.80 (GST exclusive) was approved by Council.

Council also set the course fee to equip registered oral health practitioners to remove exclusions from their registration for providers who do not provide training as part of a primary Dental Council accredited qualification at \$3,763.15 (GST exclusive).

Removal of Exclusion Fees

The application fee for removal of an exclusion on a scope for practice after completion of a Dental Council approved course was gazetted as \$171.18 (GST exclusive), and the application fee for removal of an exclusion on a scope of practice after completion of a course that has not been approved by the Dental Council would be \$315.93 (GST exclusive).

Governance Structure

Council agreed to adopt a pan-professional model of governance effective from 8 August 2011. As a consequence of this decision, the Professional Boards of Council, namely the Dentist Board, the Dental Technician Board and the Dental Hygienist – Dental Therapist Board will be abolished with effect from the close of business on Friday 5 August 2011. From 8 August 2011 the new governance structure will commence operation with Council meeting monthly.

Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice Relating to Orthodontics Procedures – Draft Consultation Document

The draft consultation document was approved by Council for issue to all dental hygienists, dentists, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest.

Oral Surgery Working Party

Council formed an Oral Surgery committee to consider the report by the oral surgery working party, prior to Council's consideration of the working party and Council committee's reports on the future of the Oral Surgery Specialist scope of practice, at its August meeting.

The following committee members were appointed:

- Mark Goodhew – Dentist;
- Minnie McGibbon – Therapist;
- Bede Carran – Lay member.

New Zealand Dental Therapists' Association (NZDTA) CPD Committee Composition

Council agreed that there would be no further requirement for a professional board representative to reside on the New Zealand Dental Therapists' Association's CPD committee.

Consultation: Statement of Use on the Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry

The final statement on the Use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry was approved to be issued to all stakeholders.

Dental Technician and Clinical Dental Technician Scopes of Practice, Code of Practice and Emergency Training Levels – Draft Consultation Document

The draft consultation document was approved for issue to all dental technicians, clinical dental technicians, dentists, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest.

Report on Accreditation Issues Arising from 2009 Accreditation Reviews

The report on Accreditation issues arising from the 2009 Accreditation reviews would be circulated to the University of Otago and Auckland University of Technology.

Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS): Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program

The request to grant accreditation to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons to December 2012 was agreed by Council subject to:

- a. satisfactory annual reports to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and ADC/Dental Council Accreditation Committee addressing the recommendations in the Accreditation Report previously undertaken in 2006 with an update in 2009;
- b. the College providing a comprehensive report in July 2012 on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program, which will be the basis for the AMC and ADC/Dental Council to determine whether the period of accreditation should be extended further to a maximum period of four years before a new accreditation assessment be done; and

A draft consultation document was to be prepared on the proposal to approve this as a prescribed qualification for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery scope of practice. The draft consultation document would be considered by Council, prior to issuing it to stakeholders.

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists (NZAO): Radiograph Procedures

The New Zealand Association of Orthodontists (NZAO) requested Council to review the NZAO's original accreditation submission, through the accreditation review team, to determine whether the Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting Training Programme meet the educational requirements to cover the activities of taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs. Council noted that the NZAO's initial request for accreditation for their programme was against the Orthodontic Auxiliary scope of

practice and accreditation was granted for their programme as a prescribed qualification only against the Orthodontic Auxiliary scope of practice and not against the previous intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs' additional scopes.

The review team recommended to Council that the programme material adequately covers the taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs under supervision, and Council agreed with the team's recommendation. The Secretariat would prepare a draft consultation document, to be considered by Council at its August meeting, to propose a change to the prescribed qualifications of the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice to reflect this decision, by removing the requirement for the completion of Dental Council approved courses for intra and extra oral radiography.

NZDREX Clinical Component Moderation Report

Council considered the recommendations from the moderation review team of the NZDREX clinical component of the examination. Council endorsed some of the recommendations and required the NZDREX Examination's Director to investigate and report back to Council on a number of additional recommendations at the August meeting on a proposed way forward.

Policy on the Approval of Courses to Equip Registered Oral Health Practitioners to Remove Exclusions from their Scope of Practice

Council approved the draft policy on the approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners to remove exclusions from their scope of practice. A copy of this policy is available on the Council's website.

Mutual Recognition Agreement between the Dental Council and Indian Dental Council

Council considered a request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a mutual recognition arrangement with the Indian Accreditation body, to facilitate the movement of dentists and other dental specialists between the two countries. Council agreed that this was not possible due to a lack of conformity of course accreditation in India.