

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 7 November 2011

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) for maintaining self-regulation of the dental professions. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions. This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held in November 2011.

Dental Board of Australia – Memorandum of Understanding

The Council approved in principle, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dental Council and the Dental Board of Australia (DBA). The Chair of Council has been delegated the authority to approve any minor amendments in the wording of the Memorandum of Understanding to finalise the agreement and sign on behalf of the Dental Council.

Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada – Memorandum of Understanding.

The Council has approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dental Council and the Commission of Dental Accreditation Canada (CDAC) for signing by the Chair of Council.

Oral Surgery Scope of Practice – Draft consultation

The Council discussed the draft consultation document that has been prepared on the future of the Oral Surgery Scope of Practice in New Zealand. Minor amendments will be made to the draft consultation which will be reconsidered at Council's December 2011 meeting.

Dental Technician and Clinical Dental Technicians Scopes and Codes of Practice – Draft follow-up consultation

The Council approved the proposed changes to date on the draft follow-up consultation on the Dental Technician and Clinical Dental Technician's Scopes and Codes of Practice. The Council also resolved to explore further the concerns raised by the NZIDT in relation to taking impressions in direct communication with the naso- or oropharyngeal airway independently and will be seeking independent clinical opinions from subject matter experts for Council's consideration. Council will not be issuing the follow-up consultation until this additional investigation is completed.

NZDREX Clinical Moderation Recommendations

The Council reconsidered its decision to implement specific recommendations from the NZDREX moderation team following a request from the Examinations Director and his team. Issues were raised regarding placing the Exodontia and Local Analgesia components into a simulation format rather than in live patients. Council rescinded its earlier decision taken at the 5 September Dental Council meeting to approve implementation of the NZDREX examination moderation team's recommendations regarding these two components of the NZDREX examination.

Premises

The Council endorsed the move to a shared premises with other health regulatory authorities as soon as practical.

Fraud Policy

The Council approved the revised policy on fraud.

Fees and Expenditure Policy - HPDT

The Council ratified the revised HPDT fees and expenditure Policy.

Policy Changes – Electronic Document Security and Copyright (Infringing File Sharing) Amendment Act

The Council approved the updated Dental Council Human Resources Policy and Guidelines: Internet and Email Use, Code of Conduct Policy and How Council Will Operate Policy to align with the requirements of the Electronic Document Security and Copyright (infringing file sharing) Amendment Act