

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 13 February 2012

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 February 2012.

This meeting was attended by the Chair of the Australian Dental Council Ralph Neller who provided an update on the activities of the ADC.

Election of the Chair and Deputy Chair

Under clause 3, schedule 3 of the HPCA Act (2003), the Council must, at its first meeting of the year, elect from its membership a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Dr Mark Goodhew was elected to continue as Chair of the Dental Council. Dr Michael Bain was elected to continue as Deputy Chair of the Dental Council.

University of Otago – Pulpotomies & Stainless Steel Crowns Course

The Council approved the University of Otago's Pulpotomies and Stainless Steel Crowns course for removal of exclusions from a scope of practice.

Dentist/Dental Specialist Recertification Working Group

The draft terms of reference for the Dental/Dental Specialist Recertification Working group were approved by Council. The nominations received for the recertification working group were noted and a committee of Council members was appointed to consider the CVs/nominations received.

Advertising Working Group Report

Council considered report of the Advertising Working Group which met on 31 January 2012 and the Revised Draft Code of Practice on Advertising. Council approved the inclusion of the working group's proposed changes to the draft Code of Practice on Advertising. A follow-up consultation document will be developed and issued.

Dental Hygiene Working Relationship

Council approved the amended working relationship document between dental hygienists and dentists/dental specialists. The approved working relationship document has been issued to stakeholders and practitioners.

Emergency training and equipment required for therapists administering local anaesthetics

Council approved the review and update the Codes of Practice for Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice. The New Zealand Resuscitation Council and relevant professional associations have been approached to provide nominations for a working group to commence in the latter part of 2012. The Ministry of Health has been advised of the review.

NZAO OATP – Use of handpiece module review

Council approved the *Use of Handpiece* module and its implementation for the NZAO Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme. The accreditation status of the NAZO's Orthodontic Auxiliary training programme be changed to full accreditation until 31 March 2013.

Consultation: 2012-13 Annual Budget, APC fee & Disciplinary Levy for Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy and Dental Technology, Examination & Registration fees, Additional Processing APC Fee

Council considered all the submissions received and approved the following:

- 2012/13 revenue and expenditure budgets
- 2012/13 dental therapist, dental hygienist, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians fees and disciplinary levies
- 2012/13 Examination and Registration Fees
- 2012/13 Additional Processing APC Fee of \$39.13 (GST exclusive), dental therapist, dental hygienist, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians, to be incorporated into the APC fee payable on or after 1 April 2012 and to be gazetted to take effect from 1 April 2012