

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 6 August 2012

The Dental Council is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (The Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. 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 August 2012.

Dentist/Dental Specialist Recertification Working Group

The confirmed minutes of the working group's 29 May 2012 meeting were presented to the Council. The Chair of the Working group also gave a verbal update on the progress on the working group on the development of the proposed revised recertification framework. The draft working group report will be submitted to Council for consideration once it has been approved by the group's members.

Code of Practice Review Standing Committee Terms of Reference

The Dental Council approved the draft terms of references for the Code of Practice Review Standing Committee. The Dental Council secretariat will prepare and issue a request for expressions of interest to all practitioners and key stakeholders as well as all professional associations and societies to seek nominations and expressions of interest to serve on this committee.

Medical Emergencies Code of Practice review

Following the Dental Council's decision to review the Code of Practice for Medical Emergencies in February 2012, key stakeholders were invited to submit nominations for the formation of a working group to conduct the review.

The following people have been appointed to the Medical Emergencies Code of Practice Review Working Group:

- Kevin Nation
- Steve Russel
- Daryl Tong

Council received no nominations from the New Zealand Dental Therapists Association or the New Zealand Dental Hygienists Association. The Dental Council Secretariat will follow-up with these two professional associations to seek their nominations for the working group.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has approached the Dental Council to look into mutual recognition for health practitioners as part of the Ministry's efforts to form formal economic relationships with Chinese Taipei. Council resolved to support in principal working with MFAT to take a preliminary look at the mutual recognition process.