

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

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Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 5 August 2013

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 2013.

Council Appointment

Kate Hazlett was reappointed to the Dental Council for another term.

ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee Charter

The Council considered the draft ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee charter and it will respond to the ADC Governing Board reflecting the Council's consideration of the draft charter.

Academic Scope of Practice

The University of Otago approached Council to develop scopes of practice appropriate to the university setting. However, Council agreed that rather than developing specific academic and postgraduate scopes of practice, Council would undertake a review, and seek to streamline the registration processes for overseas applicants with non-prescribed qualifications to maintain public safety, and not lower Council's registration standards.

Council Statement on Water Fluoridation

The Council agreed that a newsletter article would be issued reminding practitioners on their ethical responsibility when commenting on water fluoridation.

DClinDent (special needs) peer review

The Council approved the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee's recommendation of February 2013 that the peer review report submitted fulfilled the requirement of the peer evaluation standard for dental specialist programmes.

It also agreed that the programme has now met the 2011 accreditation condition to submit an additional peer review report performed by the special needs dentistry's professional organisation/academy, before the end of 2012.

The Council considered the peer review report and approved some administrative and curriculum related recommendations, and these must be reported on in the programme's annual report.

NZAO Site Assessment Team Appointments

The Council approved the following members to the NZAO site evaluation team:

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- Professor Andrew Sandham – Chair and senior academic
- Peter Dysart
- Judith Hey
- Marie Kiely

Health Workforce NZ (HWNZ) Framing the Future Proposal

Council approved draft response to HWNZ Proposal paper from the Health Science and Technical Workforces Working Group (Phase 2), June 2013.

Dentist/Dental Specialist APC Fee

Council approved the 2013/14 Dentist and Dental Specialist APC fee (\$729.64) and Disciplinary Levy (\$17.85) for the year commencing 1 October 2013.

ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee - Accreditation Outcomes

Council approved the following revised Accreditation Outcomes for all programmes:

- **Accreditation:** Accreditation indicates that the program achieves or exceeds the minimum standards for accreditation. Retention of this accreditation status is subject to monitoring.
- **Accreditation with Conditions:** Accreditation with Conditions indicates that the programme substantially meets the Accreditation Standards but the program has a deficiency or weakness in one or more Standards. The deficiency or weakness is considered to be of such a nature that it can be corrected within a reasonable period of time. Evidence of progress towards meeting the conditions within the timeline stipulated must be demonstrated in order to maintain accreditation of the programme.
- **Revocation of Accreditation:** Accreditation can be revoked when:
 - a program which has accreditation with conditions fails to demonstrate that progress has been made towards meeting the conditions within a reasonable period of time, and the program therefore does not comply with the Accreditation Standards.
 - a program is identified, at any time, as having serious deficiencies or weaknesses and fails to meet one or more Accreditation Standards. The serious nature of the deficiencies or weaknesses means that accreditation must be revoked.

The ADC/DC(NZ) will advise the programme provider of the reasons for its decision to revoke accreditation of the programme and require the provider to advise the ADC/DC(NZ) of the management of currently enrolled students.

- **Refusal of Accreditation:** Accreditation can be refused if a new programme or a program undergoing reaccreditation has a serious deficiency or weakness in one or more Accreditation Standards that cannot be corrected within a reasonable period of time. The ADC/DC(NZ) will advise the programme provider of the reasons for its decision to refuse accreditation of the programme.

Council also approved the Policy on assessor criteria and appointment of Site Evaluation Teams; and the draft revised Policy for Accreditation of qualifications for registration as an oral health practitioner.