

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

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Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 2 December 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 December 2013.

NZDREX

Council requested that a business case be presented on both the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) and the Australian Dental Council's examination process, with due diligence being completed on the examination product, processes and organisations involved in each instance.

Standards Framework and Ethical Conduct Guidelines

Council supported in principle the proposed changes to the draft Standards Framework as recommended by the Standards Review Committee. Council also noted the need for the Secretariat to explore whether a "Guidance" should be developed. The consultation process would also include a communications plan.

Transmissible Major Viral Infections (TMVI) Code of practice review

Council accepted the standards review committee's recommendation that the TMVI code of practice focus be limited to practitioner-patient transmissions, and that patient-patient and patient-practitioner transmissions be covered through the cross-infection control code of practice.

Council also agreed on the draft TMVI working group terms of reference, pending the discussions with the NZ Dental Association on the code review process.

Auckland University of Technology BHSc(Oral Health) accreditation review 2013

Council granted re-accreditation to the Auckland University of Technology Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health programme until 31 December 2018.

FRACDS(OMS) New Zealand limited accreditation review

Council approved the re-accreditation of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program until 31 December 2018, subject to meeting the condition of:

- The College identify a person or body for consideration by Council as appropriate to undertake a peer evaluation of the OMS programme and provide satisfactory peer evaluation report by July 2014.

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia – Accreditation of the Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

The Council agreed to defer its accreditation decision of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology programme. Council agreed to allow the College until December 2014 an opportunity to submit evidence of implementation of the necessary changes required, as identified in the accreditation report, for those accreditation standards not currently met by the programme.

ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee

A report on the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee meeting held on 1 November 2013 was submitted.

Council agreed to:

1. Accept the advice from the accreditation committee that undergraduate teaching by postgraduate students are not essential to achieve competency within their dental speciality programme, but has educational value and should be encouraged where possible, and to emphasise to the Faculty the importance of protecting the safety of patients by not allowing unregistered practitioners to supervise or perform clinical activities;
2. not approve the revised proposed policy for Monitoring programs – annual and progress reports.

Council would advise the accreditation committee and the Dental Board of Australia, on its decision and reasons for not accepting the revised monitoring policy. Council would also advise the accreditation committee that May 2014 for the first meeting is too long for consideration of the 2013 annual report, especially for the DClinDent programmes and progress on their recommendations.