

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

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Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 4 November 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 November 2013.

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) - scope of practice in Forensic Odontology

The Council considered the request from The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) to develop a scope of practice in Forensic Odontology. Council agreed to advise RCPA on the process for establishing a scope of practice. Council also agreed to initiate dialogue with the Forensic Dentistry Society in New Zealand to gather its view on the creation of a scope of practice in Forensic Odontology.

Irish Dental Council – meeting report

Council confirmed the accreditation systems and standards of Ireland were very similar to that of New Zealand and Australia. Council agreed to appoint Professor Robert Love to complete the academic assessment of the undergraduate programme.

In addition, Council agreed to commence development of reciprocity agreements for:

- the two currently shared specialties orthodontics and oral surgery;
- dental hygienist
- orthodontic therapists/orthodontic auxiliaries
- dental technologists/dental technicians
- dental prosthetists/clinical dental technicians

Proposed prescribed qualification for the Dental Specialty: Oral Medicine Scope of Practice

In July 2013, Council issued a consultation document for the proposed prescribed qualification for the Dental Specialty: Oral Medicine Scope of Practice to stakeholders. Council resolved that further consideration of Council's policy requirement for a medical degree was required. Its decision on the consultation be deferred to allow for further investigation on the need, or otherwise, for a medical degree as part of the prescribed qualification for the oral medicine scope of practice.

A consultation outcome letter would be issued to inform stakeholders that Council is undertaking further investigation on the matter, and that with the publication of the World Workshop in Oral Medicine report expected in April 2014, a final decision by Council was anticipated in the late 2014.

The accreditation concerns raised in the submissions was noted for the consideration of the programme's 2013 annual report.

Accreditation Review - The New Zealand Association of Orthodontists - Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme

The Council granted The New Zealand Association of Orthodontists Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme accreditation until 31 December 2018, with the following condition imposed:

- That a clinical position be established by June 2014, to:
 - Link the students and the supervisors to a contact person who is a clinician;
 - Review all applications for training before consideration by the selection committee
 - Verify the completed Clinic Assessment Sheet prior to the administrator entering the student for the final retreat.

Auckland Regional Dental Services (ARDS) Diagnostic Radiography Course

The ARDS Diagnostic Radiography course was approved for a five year period until November 2018.

In addition, Council would also request ARDS to remind candidates who successfully completed the course to apply to Council to have the Diagnostic Radiography exclusion removed.

2014/2015 Budget and Consultation

Council approved the 2014/2015 Budgets for consultation. This would be issued by 19 November 2013 and the results will be considered at the 3 February 2014 Council meeting.

Technicians Disciplinary Levy

Council approved the special disciplinary levy of \$272.68 (including GST) to be imposed on all technicians holding a practicing certificate as at 4 November 2013. The special disciplinary levy will recover the significant costs incurred from practitioners on the register as at 4 November 2013, and gazetted on 14 November 2013.

A letter would be issued immediately upon the gazette notice being published to Dental Technician and Clinical Dental Technician practitioners, and the payment due date would be extended to 31 March 2014.

Debt Collection Terms

Council approved to update the payment and credit terms on Dental Council's invoices. The Debt and Credit Management Policy would be amended to reflect the change.

Online Payroll

Council approved the implementation of an online payroll service.