

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

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Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 4 February 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 February 2013.

Election of 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.

ARM Committee Appointments

The Council re-appointed Brent Kennerley for a second term on the ARM committee as the independent Chair. Leslea Eilenberg was appointed to the ARM committee to fill the vacant position for a Council member.

Consultation on the prescribed qualifications for the General Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Technology Scopes of Practice

The Council considered the submissions received on the consultation and resolved to gazette the following qualification for the respective scopes of practice:

- University of Otago Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours as a prescribed qualification for the general dental scope of practice
- University of Otago Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours as a prescribed qualification for the dental technology scope of practice
- University of Otago Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as a prescribed qualification for the oral and maxillofacial surgery scope of practice.

Advertising Code of Practice Follow-up consultation

The Council approved the proposed amendments from the Advertising Code of Practice working group. In addition Council agreed with the group's recommendation that the proposed amendments do not alter the principles expressed in the consultation draft of the code. As such, no further consultation with stakeholders was necessary. Outcomes letters and the final advertising code of practice will be issued to stakeholders after operational processes to support the code have been put into place by the Council secretariat.

2013/14 Budget, APC and other Fees and Disciplinary Levies effective 1 April 2013

The Council approved the 2013/14 Budgets and will gazette the approved APC fees and discipline levies. In addition, Council also approved the examination fees, registration fees, professional standards programme fees, health programme fees and retention fees for the practising period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 effective from 1 April 2013 as consulted.

NZDREX Written examination

Discussions have been initiated with the ADC to determine the possibility of ADC setting an examination paper for Council to offer to New Zealand examination pathway candidates only in August/September 2013. The Council will consider the gazetting of an NZDREX examination fee once the costings for an exam at a single venue in New Zealand has been completed.

Oral Health Therapist Working Group

The Council resolved to amend the final composition of the Oral Health Therapist working group to include a registered dental hygienist and dental therapist. Expressions of interest will be issued to registered practitioners in these scopes of practices and consideration of the applications received to date will be deferred until the expression of interest for the dental hygienist and dental therapist member have closed.

Code of Practice Standing Committee

The Chief Executive is to approach Mike Williams to determine his availability and willingness to serve on the Code of Practice Standing Committee.

IT Systems

The Council approved the Council's server to be moved to a 'hosted' facility subject to finalisation of stress testing. Council will also investigate converting the registration database from MS Access to SQL (or other programming language).