

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo

DENTISTRY - DENTAL HYGIENE - CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL THERAPY

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 4 March 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 March 2013.

University of Otago Bachelor of Oral Health Research Prize

Council agreed that the amount of \$500 be awarded for the Otago Bachelor of Oral Health Research Prize on the basis that the University officially recognised the Council as the donor and informed Council who the recipients were.

CPD sign-off

The Council resolved that those practitioners with a short fall in the number of their CPD hours completed for the 2009-2012 cycle within 6.25% of their required total hours would be required to make up the shortfall in the current recertification cycle and provide evidence to the Dental Council of having completed those hours by 30 June 2013. The affected practitioner will be notified accordingly.

Council established a subcommittee to review the individual practitioners who had not met their CPD requirements for the 2009-2012 recertification cycle and to make recommendations to Council for each practitioner. The subcommittee consists of Dr Lyndie Foster Page, Dr Michael Bain and Ms Wendy Tozer. Clinical alternates for the committee will be Dr Mark Goodhew (first alternate) and Dr Robin Whyman (second alternate). The layperson alternates for the committee will be Kate Hazlett (first alternate) and Dr David Stephens (second alternate).

Draft standards Framework

The Council identified the development of a standards framework as an urgent and key priority at its strategic planning meeting on 4 December 2012. The standards Review Standing Committee meeting scheduled for 4 April will be postponed until after Council's April meeting to allow for the revised principles and foundations for the standards framework to be considered and finalised by Council prior to presentation to the committee.

AUT Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health) Annual Report

The 2012 annual report for the AUT Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health) programme was accepted by Council as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapist Programmes.

University of Otago Bachelor of Oral Health Annual Report

The 2012 annual report for the University of Otago Bachelor of Oral Health programme was accepted by Council as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapist Programmes.

University of Otago DClintDent Programmes Annual Report

The 2012 annual report for the University of Otago DClintDent programmes was accepted by Council as satisfactory in continuing to meet the accreditation standards for Dental Specialist Programmes.

FRACDS(OMS) Comprehensive Report – New Zealand Review

The Council resolved conduct a limited accreditation review of the FRACDS(OMS) programme. The accreditation review team will consist of Prof Lindsay Richards as the Chair, John Bridgman and Christene Remene as the layperson.

University of Otago – DClintDent (Special Needs) Peer Review Report

The Council to request the 2011 accreditation review team to reconsider the peer review report and to formulate specific recommendations from the comments and suggestions made by the peer reviewers for Council to consider at its April 2013 meeting. The Council will delay consideration of the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee's recommendations until the response from the accreditation review team had been received.

University of Otago – DclintDent (Oral Medicine) Accreditation

The Council agreed with the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation committee recommendation that the breadth and depth outlined in the DClintDent (Oral Medicine) programme was not significantly different to the previously accredited MDS component of the MDS/MBChB programme. Council will grant accreditation to the DClintDent (Oral Medicine) programme until 31 December 2016 to align with other accreditation periods of other DClintDent programmes. The Council will also approach the Medical Council of New Zealand for an opinion on the most appropriate medical qualification to be recognised as the medical component of the oral medicine prescribed qualification.

ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee Peer Evaluation Policy and Proforma

Council approved the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee Peer Evaluation Policy and Peer Evaluation Accreditation Process Proforma for use during the 2013 dental specialist programme reviews, whilst noting the accreditation committee's project to streamline and strengthen the peer review and accreditation processes.

AUT Bachelor of Health Science (Oral Health) Site Evaluation team

Karen Boyce Bacon was appointed as the dental therapist member of the AUT 2013 site evaluation team.

CPD Advisory Committee

The Council adopted and ratified the decisions made by the dentist CPD Advisory Committee to verify or decline to verify CPD activities during the period 4 February to 27 February 2013.