

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 1 December 2014

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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 meetings held in December 2014.

CPD Advisory Committee appointments

Council resolved to approve the following appointments to the CPD Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending September 2017:

- Lyndie Foster Page, Dental Academic/Chair.
- Leslea Eilenberg - Dental hygiene member
- Minnie McGibbon - Dental therapy member.

Prescribed qualifications for Oral Medicine Scope of Practice – International investigation

At its November 2014 meeting, the Council decided that the resolution of the prescribed qualifications for the Oral Medicine Scope of Practice be made a high priority. The Secretariat was tasked to proceed with an analyses as soon as possible to inform the follow-up consultation.

A targeted information gathering strategy was proposed for Council's consideration. The objective of the targeted preliminary information gathering phase was to obtain information on the training requirements for oral medicine, specifically in relation to the requirement of a medical degree, or not, as part of the training for registration in oral medicine in New Zealand, to inform the Council's position for a follow-up consultation document.

Council approved the following preliminary information gathering strategy:

- 1) Request input from the following international educational institutions offering, and educational experts in, Oral Medicine programmes to obtain their views on the minimum training requirements for Oral Medicine:
 - i. United Kingdom – Dr David Felix, Chair of the Specialty Advisory Committee for Additional Dental Specialties when the GDC, and Dean for Post-Graduate Dental Education for Scotland
 - ii. United States– sample of educational institutions representing different approaches to training across states, in consultation with CODA
 - iii. Canada – sample of educational institutions representing different approaches to training across states, in consultation with CDAC
 - iv. Australia – all universities offering accredited oral medicine programmes

- v. New Zealand – University of Otago;
- 2) Request input on the need or not for a medical degree, or specific components thereof, as a minimum requirement for the training required to competently and safely practise Oral Medicine in New Zealand, as part of the preliminary information gathering phase, from:
- i. all New Zealand registered oral medicine specialists (5 registered as at 28 November 2014); and
 - ii. the Oral Medicine Academy of Australasia, Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons – Board of Studies, Australia and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia.

Standards Framework – consultation submission analyses

The Council considered the Standards Framework consultation submissions, detailed analysis, commentary on the issues raised, and the consequential proposed changes to the revised Standards Framework at its meeting on 1 December 2014. Further refinements needed were identified at the meeting.

These additional changes were considered at a teleconference meeting held on 16 December 2014, and the proposed changes from the first consultation draft Standards Framework were approved, and the updated Standards Framework was released for discussion at the Key Stakeholders Discussion Forum, scheduled for February 2015.

University of Otago – Bachelor of Oral Health accreditation report

The site evaluation team conducted the review of the University of Otago Bachelor of Oral Health programme during 8-10 September 2014. Council accepted the site evaluation team report stating that the programme met all the accreditation standards, and approved the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation; and granted accreditation to the University of Otago Bachelor of Oral Health programme for a period of five years from 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2019.

DClinDent(Oral Surgery) Site Evaluation Team (SET) Composition

The University of Otago advised the Council that it wants to submit its DClinDent(Oral Surgery) programme for accreditation. The programme has never been accredited, and will be considered as a new programme accreditation, even though the programme has been offered for a number of years.

Council considered and approved the following Otago Oral Surgery site evaluation team composition:

- Australian Chair with extensive accreditation experience, registered oral surgeon
- Senior Academic teaching in an oral surgery programme in Australia, registered oral surgeon
- Two New Zealand registered oral surgeons with current APCs
- New Zealand laymember with accreditation experience.

Council approved Conjoint Associate Professor Deborah Cockrell, an Australian oral surgeon with extensive accreditation experience, as Chair for the SET. The Council also identified two New Zealand oral surgeons to be approached to determine their willingness to participate in this review.

ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Standards – consultation outcome

The ADC/DC(NZ) Program Accreditation Standards Steering Committee meeting was held on 21 November 2014 where the consultation feedback and the proposed changes to the draft accreditation standards were discussed.

A total of 27 responses were received from organisations and practitioners across Australia and New Zealand – with 12 submissions from New Zealand stakeholders.

The Council considered the submission comments received on the draft accreditation standards, and agreed that the proposed changes were not material and a follow-up consultation not required. The Council considered the accreditation standards and approved the standards in-principle, subject to any concerns raised during the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and DC(NZ) accreditation committee members' meeting to consider the updated draft accreditation standards. No concerns were raised at the joint DBA/DC(NZ) meeting.

At its teleconference meeting held on 16 December 2014, Council approved the draft ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Standards; and approved the implementation date of 1 January 2016 for the new ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Standards.

2015-16 Annual Budget and APC and other fees and Disciplinary Levies

Council approved the 2015/16 budgets non-dentist APC fees and levies and other fees, to be applied in 2015/16 with effect from 1 April 2015, for consultation. This will be issued to all practitioners and other stakeholders on 2 December 2014