

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meeting – 8 June 2015

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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 June 2015.

### Dentists APC Fee 2015/16

The Council approved amendments to the 2015/16 Budget, and agreed to utilise 100% of the Dentist surplus operating reserves to offset the Dentist 2015/16 APC fee.

Council approved the 2015/16 Dentist Disciplinary Levy of \$144.52 (GST exclusive), and 2015/16 Dentist APC fee of \$725.27 (GST exclusive), to be issued to dentists/dental specialists and other stakeholder consultation.

### Core Policies

Council approved the following updated Competence; Accreditation; Complaints and Concerns; Safety, Emergencies and Restricted Activities; and other policies:

- APC Fees
- CPD Activities
- CPD Non-Compliance
- Approval of Verifiable CPD Providers
- Recertification of Oral Health Practitioners
- Recency of Practice
- Competence Review
- Threshold for notification of risk of harm to another organisation
- Dental practice and voluntary restrictions
- Competence to practise
- Accreditation of qualifications for registration for registration as an oral health practitioner
- Approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners to remove exclusions from their scope of practice
- Dealing with Complaints and Concerns about Oral Health Practitioners: Protocols and Procedures
- Cases of Suspected Illegal Dental Practice
- Emergencies
- The Practice of Bleaching by Non-Registered Practitioners
- Restricted Procedures
- Compliance with Codes of Practice and Council Statements.

The Council resolved to rescind the following policies no longer required or relevant:

- Advanced and new areas of practice
- Approval of Dental Therapy Refresher Programmes
- Moderation of Dental Therapy Refresher Programmes
- Approval of courses of clinical oral health training or instruction for unregistered practitioners

- PCC membership under HPCA Act 2003
- Guideline on Codes of Practice, Council Statements and Policy Guidelines
- Approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registered in an additional scope of practice.

### [The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia \(RCPA\) Fellowship program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology](#)

The Council agreed with the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation that the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology have met Accreditation Standards 1, 3 and 14.

Council agreed with the concerns expressed by the site evaluation team on the adequacy of the research experiences described by the programme for those not taking the research stream, and consequently resolved that Standard 18, Research has not been met. Consequently the accreditation for the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology was declined.

The Council will consider further evidence from the programme on changes implemented to the non-research study stream to meet the Standard 18 research requirements.