

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meetings during May 2017

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The Dental Council (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 on 1 May 2017.

Recertification policy review: symposium and consultation

On 17 March 2017, Council held a symposium about recertification. The three objectives for the symposium were for Council to:

- put forward the case for change, including Council's logic and thinking on its current and future approach to recertification
- seek feedback on the preliminary discussion document, including the potential areas for change
- promote stakeholder awareness and understanding of its current approach to recertification.

Council considered and discussed the draft summary report on the symposium, in particular:

- a) The purpose of the report was to provide a report back to the participants of the symposium.
- b) The audiences for the draft report were the attendees and wider stakeholders who did not attend the symposium. The draft report includes an overview of symposium activities to provide non-attendees some context for the discussion points included in the document.
- c) The draft report sets out the key themes and discussion points raised by attendees. It included information from the keynote speakers, and panel, table and plenary discussions.

Council is in the engagement phase of this project and the symposium marked the beginning of the national conversation it intends to have with its stakeholders and the wider sector.

The draft summary report was approved, subject to some further amendments. Council also approved the proposed timeframes and activities relating to engagement with stakeholders, such as consultation forums around the country and online.

Hutt Valley DHB stainless steel crowns and pulpotomies course

Council approved the Hutt Valley DHB's Primary Tooth Pulpotomy and Stainless Steel Crown for New Zealand Practising Dental Therapists course for a five year period, until May 2022 - subject to further information on pathophysiology and sensibility tests being included in the theoretical material.

Evidence of these changes would be considered by the review team to ensure that the criteria had been met.