

12 March 2012

Dear practitioner,

**Prescribed Qualification - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Scope of Practice**

In May 2011, Council granted accreditation, under section 118(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons until 31 December 2012, subject to satisfactory annual reports and a comprehensive report in July 2012.

The Dental Council issued a consultation document in September 2011, seeking comments on the proposal to approve the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) FRACDS (OMS), gained through its Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program, as a prescribed qualification for registration in the Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists.

Council considered the submissions received at its December 2011 meeting, but at that time the Council required further clarification on matters raised by some of the submitters.

At the Council's meeting on 6 March 2012, it resolved to issue a notice recognising the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) FRACDS(OMS) as a prescribed qualification for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Scope of Practice.

This notice is scheduled to be published on 15 March 2012, which means that any graduate of the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) who obtains his or her qualification **after** 15 March 2012 (the date of gazetting the prescribed qualification), can apply for registration to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Scope of Practice with a prescribed qualification, and follow the associated specialist registration application process. Details on how to apply for registration as a dental specialist in New Zealand can be found on the Dental Council website at the following link:

<http://www.dcnz.org.nz/dcRegistrationDentistSpecialistPrescribed>.

A copy of the new prescribed qualifications for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Scope of Practice is enclosed (Attachment 1).

Yours sincerely



Marie Warner  
Chief Executive

## Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists

### Prescribed Qualifications

- MDS/MBChB (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) University of Otago; or
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from an ADC accredited Australian University; a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory; or
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)<sup>1</sup>; or
- registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery with the General Medical Council, UK; or
- Board certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery in a USA or Canadian state and possession of a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory and dental degree; or
- two years or more of full time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent; evidence of research activity; a pass in the New Zealand Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialist Examination.

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<sup>1</sup> Conferred from 15 March 2012