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Dear Practitioner,

Consultation outcome on the proposed prescribed qualifications for the General Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Technology Scopes of Practice

Council issued a consultation document in October 2012, proposing that the University of Otago Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours, the Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and the Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours programmes, be approved as prescribed qualifications for the respective scopes of practice.

Council considered all the submissions at its February 2013 meeting. It approved the proposals and the publication of the following qualifications for the respective scopes of practice in the New Zealand Gazette (4 April 2013 edition):

- University of Otago Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours as a prescribed qualification for the general dental scope of practice.
- University of Otago Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours as a prescribed qualification for the dental technology scope of practice.
- University of Otago Doctor of Clinical Dentistry in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as a prescribed qualification for the oral and maxillofacial surgery scope of practice.

Publication of the enclosed *Notices of Replacement of Prescribed Qualifications* for the general dental, dental technology and the oral and maxillofacial surgery scopes of practice (Appendices 1, 2 and 3, respectively) will enable holders of the above listed qualifications to apply for registration in the relevant scope of practice.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Marie Warner
Chief Executive

Notice of Replacement of Prescribed Qualifications

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice is issued by the Dental Council.

The following prescribed qualifications replace the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for General Dental Practice published in the New Zealand Gazette, 11 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.

Scope of Practice for General Dental Practice

Prescribed Qualifications

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery, University of Otago; or
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours, University of Otago; or
- an Australian Dental Council (ADC) accredited undergraduate dental degree from an ADC accredited dental school in Australia; or
- a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDA) accredited undergraduate dental degree from a CDA accredited dental school in the USA or Canada; or
- a General Dental Council (GDC) accredited undergraduate dental degree from a GDC accredited dental school in the UK, or Commonwealth as listed below:

<u>Dental School</u>	<u>Dates of recognition</u>
Western Cape	Before 1 January 1998
Hong Kong	Before 1 January 2001
Singapore	Before 1 January 2001
Witwatersrand	Before 1 January 2001
Pretoria	Before 1 January 2001
Stellenbosch	Before 1 January 2001
Medical University of South Africa	Between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2000
Malaysia	Between 1 January 1997 and 31 December 2000;

or

- a five year undergraduate dental degree; and a pass in the New Zealand Dental Registration Examinations; or
- a five year undergraduate dental degree; and a pass in the Australian Dental Council licensing examinations; or
- a five year undergraduate dental degree; and a pass in the USA licensing examinations.

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The following prescribed qualifications replace the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Dental Technology Practice published in the New Zealand Gazette, 7 December 2006, No. 167, page 4856.

Scope of Practice for Dental Technology Practice

Prescribed Qualifications

- Bachelor of Dental Technology, University of Otago; or
- Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours, University of Otago; or
- Diploma in Dental Technology (issued by a New Zealand educational institution) and commenced prior to 18 September 2004; or
- an approved overseas dental technology qualification; and a pass in the New Zealand Dental Technicians Registration Examination.

Notice of Replacement of Prescribed Qualifications

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice is issued by the Dental Council.

The following prescribed qualifications replace the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists published in the New Zealand Gazette, 15 March 2012, No. 33, page 1016.

Specialist Scopes of Practice

Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists

Prescribed Qualifications

- MDS/MBChB (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), University of Otago; or
- DClinDent (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery), University of Otago¹; or
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from an ADC accredited Australian University; and 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)²; 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; and evidence of research activity; and a pass in the New Zealand Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialist Examination.

¹ Entry criteria require completed undergraduate dentistry and medical degrees.

² Conferred from 15 March 2012.