

18 December 2015

Dear practitioner,

**Consultation on the 2016/17 Draft Budgets, Annual Practising Certificate Fees, Disciplinary Levies and Other Fees effective from 1 April 2016**

At our December 2015 meeting the draft 2016/17 Council and profession budgets, and the resultant annual practising certificate (APC) fees and disciplinary levies to take effect on 1 April 2016 for dental therapists, dental hygienists & orthodontic auxiliaries, and dental technicians & clinical dental technicians were considered.<sup>1</sup>

Also considered by Council were changes in registration, recertification (non APC), examination, practitioner programme, and course approval fees to take effect on 1 April 2016. Included within the review are some narrative changes to the gazette notice for practitioner programmes and accreditation of degree programmes.

This consultation seeks input from stakeholders prior to Council making a final decision. The Council seeks any comments on the proposal by **26 January 2016**. Council will consider all submissions at its meeting on 9 February 2016, prior to fees and levies being gazetted by the required timeframe of 3 March 2016. Accordingly, we are working with an abridged period of 6 weeks.

All oral health practitioners, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest in this area, have been made aware of the consultation. This letter and attachment will also be published on the Council's website, with a similar invitation to comment.

Responses should be sent to:

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Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> The 2016/17 APC fees and disciplinary levies for Dentists and Dental Specialists are consulted on in June 2016 prior to the next recertification round for Dentists and Dental Specialists, to take effect from 1 October 2016.