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Marie Warner  
Chief Executive  
Dental Council

Dear Marie,

**Re: Response to “Consultation on proposed changes to scopes of practice and prescribed qualifications.” Consultation document issued: 17 October 2019.**

Scope of practice for clinical dental technology

“The practice of clinical dental technology involves the processes and procedures associated with taking impressions, undertaking other non-invasive clinical procedures related to the design, manufacture, repair and fitting of complete or partial **fixed** and removable oral and extra-oral appliances and prostheses, in accordance with this scope of practice and the clinical dental technician’s approved education, training, experience and competence<sup>1</sup>”.

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The inclusion of the words “fixed” after the words “fitting of” is an addition to the previous scope of practice that would open up to the clinical dental technician the dentistry and prosthodontic scopes of providing treatment for fixed bridges, also commonly described in the dental literature as “fixed partial dentures”. For example, “fitting of fixed partial dentures” can be interpreted to allow the clinical dental technician to bond a fixed partial denture/bridge to the prepared teeth or implant abutments in the case of an implant retained bridge/fixed partial denture. This is not in the education and training of clinical dental technicians.

Sincerely



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