

Council's regulatory principles

We are a right-touch regulator and aspire to incorporate risk-based regulation into our work as our data and information capabilities mature and evolve.

We will use a right-touch approach that is based on the commonly accepted principles of proportionate, consistent, targeted, transparent, accountable and agile regulation. This approach will guide our work and the decisions we make to regulate our practitioners and protect the public's health and safety.

The following principles will lie at the heart of how we conduct ourselves and fulfil our regulatory functions and responsibilities.

1. We are a responsible authority established under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act. The scope of our work is defined by the Act.
2. Our primary responsibility is to protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring our practitioners are competent and fit to practise. We will only register and recertify practitioners we consider are competent and fit to practise.
3. In all aspects of our work we will strive to:
 - identify and prioritise the risks we will respond to
 - assess the likelihood and possible consequences of risk
 - use appropriate regulatory force to mitigate or manage the risk posed by a practitioner.
4. We seek to anticipate and adapt to change, including emerging challenges in our regulatory work environment.
5. In all aspects of our work we will strive to:
 - treat people fairly and respectfully
 - have fair and transparent processes that are easy to understand, access and engage in.
6. We will work with practitioners and our stakeholders to ensure oral health professionals practise competently and safely.
7. In all of our work, we will hold ourselves to high standards of efficiency, effectiveness and quality, and accountability.