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Notice of updated recertification programme for all practising oral health practitioners

In accordance with section 41(6) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act), the Dental Council advises that at its meetings on 2 and 30 October 2023, it updated its recertification programme pursuant to section 41(1) of the Act as described in the [Recertification of oral health practitioners policy](#).

The updated recertification programme is effective immediately.

Separate practitioner communication detailed the policy changes.

In accordance with section 41(1) of the Act the Council sets the following recertification programme

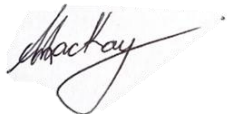
All oral health practitioners¹ **who hold a current annual practising certificate (APC) must:**

1. have and interact with a professional peer recorded with the Dental Council
2. have a professional development plan (PDP)
3. participate in professional development activities (PDAs)
4. reflect on their professional development in writing
5. have their professional peer submit an annual online confirmation of their professional development
6. submit a declaration that recertification programme requirements have been met when they submit their APC application online.

Helpful recertification resources:

- [A handbook for practitioners](#) providing 'how to' guidance and detail on meeting the requirements of the recertification programme. It also contains helpful Q & A on the various components
- [Step-by-step fact sheet](#).

Yours sincerely



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¹ A six-month grace period applies from the date of registration and restoration