

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunibera Tiaki Nibo o Aotearoa

DENTISTRY - DENTAL HYGIENE - CLINICAL DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL TECHNOLOGY - DENTAL THERAPY

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 24 May 2010

Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

The Council approved the draft 31 March 2010 Financial Accounts and Notes to the Accounts.

Work Flow – Cost Allocation

The Council agreed to change the Policy on Method of Cost Allocation, by moving the calculation based on average cumulative four years historical to a calculation based on the average over the previous year, current year plus the budget year.

The Workflow analysis was to be undertaken for the six practitioner groups which include dentists, hygienists, therapists, orthodontic auxiliaries, dental technicians and clinical dental technicians.

Orthodontic Auxiliary Fee

Council approved the gazetting of the \$70.00 (inclusive of GST) fee for applicants wishing to undertake supervised orthodontic auxiliary practice whilst undertaking an approved training course.

This fee would be revisited at the end of year, along with other fees as part of the 2011/12 budget cycle.

DCNZ Professional Board and Committee Membership

The Council made the following appointments to its Professional Boards and Committees:

- Mark Goodhew and Kate Hazlett were appointed in their capacity as Councillors to the Dentist Board
- Bede Carran was appointed in his capacity as a Councillor to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.
- Sharmyn Turner was reappointed to the Dental Hygienist-Dental Therapist Board for a term of three years, subject to liaison with New Zealand Dental Hygienists' Association.
- The membership of the Dental Technician Board would continue until Council at its August meeting, considered the nominations received. Council was currently seeking nominations for this Board from stakeholders

Terms of Reference – DCNZ Professional Boards

The Terms of Reference for DCNZ Professional Boards were reviewed and updated by Council.

Requests for Cancellation of Registration

Council directed the Registrar to cancel entries in the register of five dentists, four therapists and three technicians pursuant to section 142 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and a hygienist pursuant to section 142(3) of the Act.

Prescribing Specialist Qualifications

The current procedure for recognising overseas specialist qualifications would be retained, but Council agreed to enhance the current process by:

- Establishing an interview (as required) to ensure clinical competence can be determined for assessments as required.
- Reviewing the GDC guidelines for equivalence for practitioners with European qualifications.

The Secretariat was requested to review the specialist registration process and fees and incorporate the cost of specialist interviewing panel.

Generic Recency of Practice Policy and Recertification Policy

Council reviewed both policies and agreed in principle subject to a number of editorial amendments to each policy.

NZ Association of Orthodontists Auxiliary Training Programme: Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting

Council recommended that another evaluation of the programme be undertaken, as the first evaluation had been too premature to fairly assess the processes and protocols of the newly accredited NZAO Auxiliary Training Programme for the Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting.

Policy on the Approval to Equip Registered Health Practitioners for Registration in an Additional Scope of Practice

The Council approved the policy for the approval of courses to equip registered oral health practitioners for registration in an additional scope of practice subject to the alignment of wording to accreditation terminology.

Tooth Whitening

Council agreed with the proposed consultation criteria for tooth whitening as described in the proposed report by ERMA.