

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho o Aotearoa

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Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 6 December 2010

Ministry of Health Workforce Survey

The Ministry of Health (MOH) had indicated it no longer required the Council to gather Workforce Survey Information (through the Annual Practising Certificate (APC) application).

Council looked at the possibility of continuing to gather workforce information and it would liaise with Dr Jonathan Broadbent, from University of Otago on what workforce questions should be retained for Council's information.

Draft Budget and Fee Setting 2011/12

The draft revenue and expenditure budgets for 2011/12 were approved by Council to go to consultation including the following APC fees for 2011/12.

Profession	2011/12
Dentists	\$705.52
Dental Therapists	\$385.02
Dental Hygienists	\$277.08
Orthodontic Auxiliaries	\$273.97
Dental Technicians	\$406.07
Clinical Dental Technicians	\$406.07

All the fees are GST exclusive.

Examination Fees and Refund Policy

The Examination fees and refund policy was approved by Council.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the authorities appointed under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA) for the Health Regulatory Authorities of New Zealand (HRANZ)

During 2010 the HRANZ Strategic Group had updated the MOU between the authorities appointed under the HPCA Act (2003).

Council approved this MOU between the authorities appointed under the HPCA Act (2003) for HRANZ, subject to an opt out clause for projects being added if the Council or a Board did not see the benefit for its practitioner base, or the project was deemed not to be cost effective.

Oral Surgery Working Party

Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Oral Surgery Working Party and appointed the following members from the key stakeholder groups to the Working Party:

- Ms Sue Ineson – the layperson, who would chair the working party;

- Dr Robyn Haisman – Ministry of Health nominee;
- Dr Glen Kirk – Oral Surgeons’ nominee;
- Dr Paul Scott – New Zealand Dental Association nominee; and
- Dr Brian Whitley – New Zealand Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons’ nominee.

Gazetting of Scope of Practice

Council confirmed that the general and detailed scope of practice must be gazetted in its entirety for any future scope changes.

Discussion paper on the Need to Strengthen Recertification Requirements for Dentists and Dental Specialists

Council appointed a working party to progress the recertification requirements over the coming year.

The membership of this party included:

- Dr Michael Bain;
- Mr Bede Carran;
- Dr Mark Goodhew; and
- Professor Robert Love.

Draft Code of Practice – Advertising

Council would liaise with the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) prior to the finalisation of the Code going to consultation.

Professional Conduct Committee

Four dentists were referred by Council to two separate Professional Conduct Committees (PCC). One dentist was referred in pursuant to section 68(3) of the Act and a further three dentists were referred in accordance with Council’s obligations under section 68(2) of the Act.

University of Otago – Technology Programmes Accreditation Review Team

Council granted accreditation to the University of Otago School of Dentistry for the delivery of the Bachelor of Dental Technology and the Bachelor of Dental Technology (Honors) for five years until 31 December 2015.

In addition Council granted accreditation with conditions to the University of Otago School of Dentistry for the delivery of the Postgraduate Diploma of Clinical Dental Technology for five years until 31 December 2015.

Condition:

- that the programme uses an examiner external to the University of Otago in the final examination for the clinical and theoretical components. This condition must be satisfied for the 2011 examination schedule. It is strongly recommended that an overseas examiner be used from time to time.*

Appoint University of Otago Postgraduate Review Team – 2011

Council confirmed the composition of the Postgraduate Accreditation Review Team as follows:

- 1 x Australian Specialist Academic (chair).

- 2 x New Zealand Specialists practising in different specialities, with all specialist groups being canvassed (via NZDA Board specialist representative).
- 1 layperson.

This review should be undertaken by September 2011 at the latest.

ADC/DCNZ Accreditation Committee Report

The Dental Council reviewed a report on the Australian Dental Council (ADC) Accreditation Committee's meeting held on 15 October 2010 and approved:

- the draft ADC/DCNZ Accreditation Guidelines and Explanatory Notes;
- the revised annual report process and report format;
- the criteria for appointment of community members/assessors for appointment to accreditation review teams be approved; and
- the recommendation that accreditation of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme at the University of Otago be extended to 31 March 2011, to enable completion of the current accreditation review.

Council agreed to the recommendation of the ADC/DCNZ Accreditation Committee, that the amended options for accreditation outcomes, as adopted by the ADC Board in June 2010 and the Dental Council in August 2010 be withdrawn, due to the Australian National Law requirement that stipulate the accreditation outcomes. Accordingly the accreditation outcomes should be replaced by the outcomes as set in the paper for; established programmes, new programmes and programmes undergoing major change, and that relevant changes be made accordingly to accreditation documentation.

Furthermore Council accepted the curriculum of the Orthodontic Practice Module as meeting the educational requirements within the current accreditation of the Auckland University of Technology BHSc(Oral Health) programme.