

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera Tiaki Niho o Aotearoa

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

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 28 February 2011

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Council reappointed Professor Robert Love as the Chair, and appointed Dr Mark Goodhew as Deputy Chair of the Dental Council.

Budget 2011/12 and New Annual Practising Certificate (APC) Fees

Following the consideration of the consultation feedback from practitioners, Council confirmed the 2011/12 budget and APC fees (GST exclusive) for 2011/12 as follows:

Profession	Capital Replacement APC Fee	Operational APC Fee	Disc Levy	Total*
Dental Therapists	\$76.48	\$338.66	(\$30.12)	\$385.02
Dental Hygienists	\$76.48	\$241.49	(\$40.89)	\$277.08
Orthodontic Auxiliaries	\$76.48	\$238.58	(\$41.09)	\$273.97
Dental Technicians	\$76.48	\$383.25	(\$53.66)	\$406.07
Clinical Dental Technicians	\$76.48	\$383.25	(\$53.66)	\$406.07

* All fees are GST exclusive.

In addition, Council approved the adjustment to the dentist disciplinary levy (to replenish the Dentist Discipline Reserve towards the revised minimum of \$175k) for additional actual expenditure to be fully funded in the 2011/12 year.

2011-12 Dentist APC Fee and Disciplinary Levy

The dentists' disciplinary expenditure forecasted to 31 March 2011 is below the minimum reserve level. Council agreed that the dentist discipline levy position would be re-assessed in May when the actual financial results for 2010/11 had been audited. The opening reserves position would be known and an assessment as to whether a fee change was necessary could be determined. If a fee change is required, over the June/July period consultation with practitioners would take place with the finalisation of the Dentist APC fee by Council in August. Publication of the gazette notice with the new fee would occur on 1 September 2011 and be effective from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012.

Review of Member Fees

Council approved its member fees, for those appointed since 3 July 2009, to align with the July 2009 Cabinet Office circulate requirements as follows:

	Daily fee	Hourly rate
Chair Council, Audit & Risk Committee & Dentist Board	\$850	\$106.25
Chair-Therapist/Hygiene Board & Technicians Board	\$780.00	\$97.50
Council Members	\$640.00	\$80.00
Standing Committee & Professional Board Members	\$640.00	\$80.00

Capital Plan

Council agreed to obtain legal advice on the implications of cancelling or pausing the Coresoft contract, based on the potential implications of the Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) consultation document regarding the structure of regulatory authorities.

Professional Board Membership

Council would not be calling for nominations to replace those Professional Board members whose terms were to expire, or finalise the size of the Boards, until after the outcome of the HWNZ consultation was known.

Consultation for Dental Therapy, Dental Hygiene and Orthodontic Auxiliary to Remove “Add On” Scopes and Merge into General Scope

The changes to the draft scopes of practice, as reflected in the consultation document for Dental Therapy, Dental Hygiene and Orthodontic Auxiliary to Remove “Add On” Scopes and merge into General Scope, were adopted by Council. The gazette notice would be published with the revised scopes of practice and a draft consultation document prepared to address the following issues raised in the submissions:

- a. changing the orthodontic auxiliary activities of a dental hygienist currently performed *under clinical guidance* to be under *direct clinical supervision*;
- b. alignment of the activities relating to orthodontic procedures performed by dental hygienist to those activities described in the general and detailed scope of orthodontic auxiliary; and
- c. consequential changes associated with the relevant codes on working relationships.

Adult Care Scope of Practice - Draft Consultation Document

A draft consultation document on amendments to the Adult Care in Dental Therapy scope of practice was approved to be issued to all dentists, dental therapists, relevant associations and societies, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards and other organisations with an interest in this area.

Policy on the Approval of Providers and/or Authorisers of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Activities

Council approved the draft amended policy on the Approval of Providers of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Activities and approved an extension of all CPD providers’

approval periods expiring throughout 2011, until December 2011. This was to allow for the new renewal process to be implemented.

Consultation: Statement on the use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry

Council made a number of amendments to the draft statement on the use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography in Dentistry. These amendments were to be included in the final draft for consideration by Council, prior to the document being issued.

Draft Code of Advertising

Council noted and considered the feedback from the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) on the draft code of advertising. Council resolved to make further amendments to the draft code, and requested the Secretariat to prepare the draft consultation document, for consideration by Council, prior to issuing to stakeholders. Council also requested that the NZDA be advised of the decision made by Council on each of their submission comments.

Professional Conduct Committee (PCC)

Council appointed a Professional Conduct Committee for a dentist who committed an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment for three months. This was in accordance with Council's obligations under section 68(2) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

Accreditation Review of the University of Otago – Bachelor of Dental Surgery Programme

Council adopted the ADC/DCNZ accreditation recommendation from its meeting held on 18 February 2011, and granted re-accreditation to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery programme of the University of Otago to 31 December 2017, subject to receiving satisfactory annual reports which include progress on the recommendations in the Accreditation report.

Annual Reports for 2010

The Council approved the ADC/DCNZ Accreditation Committee recommendation and accepted the following annual reports as satisfactory in meeting the accreditation requirements:

- Auckland University of Technology – Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health (BHSc Oral Health);
- University of Otago – Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH);
- University of Otago – Doctor of Clinical Dentistry (DClinDent);
- University of Otago – Master of Community Dentistry (MComDent); and
- University of Otago – MDS/MBChB in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery.

Appointment University of the Otago Postgraduate Review Team 2011

The following members were appointed by Council to the Otago Postgraduate Review Team for the review scheduled for 5-7 September 2011:

- Professor Lindsay Richards (Australian Specialist Academic), who will be chair;
- Dr Stephen Manning (NZDA Specialist Representative);
- Dr Christopher Waalkens (NZDA Specialist Representative); and
- Ms Marie Kiely (lay person).

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists (NZAO): Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting Accreditation

New Zealand Association of Orthodontists, Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme: Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting was granted re-accreditation to 31 March 2013, with the following condition: *To develop the “Use of handpiece” module for the in-house training programme; and to implement this for the next 2011 graduating class.*

NZAO must also submit annual reports which include progress on the condition and report on any other changes to the programme.

Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS): Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education and Training Program

Council in response to the College’s request for accreditation of this programme, was to approach, the RACDS on the following:

- a. that Council noted the progress the College has made dealing with the concern expressed by the Dental Council on the *“modular curriculum with particular reference to the educational objectives, an overall curriculum map, educational material, the business plan and plans for implementing, coordinating, ongoing review and updating of modules”*.

In addition Council requested the College provide it with further information on the following concerns:

- i. *the roles and responsibilities of University employed practitioners involved in the RACDS training scheme;*
- ii. *the research component of the programme; and*
- iii. *in the case of New Zealand, the plan for achieving greater integration of the RACDS training programme with the University of Otago programme and a resulting reduction in the training time.*

ADC/DCNZ Accreditation Committee Report

Council approved the revised Accreditation Guidelines and Explanatory Notes.

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) Consultation on the Consolidation of Regulatory Authorities

Council had received from Health Workforce New Zealand a consultation document for the modification of all health-related regulatory authorities, this included:

- a. a single shared secretariat and office function for all health-related regulatory authorities, which would include a reduction in staff from around 165 to around 100; and
- b. a reduction in the numbers of Board members from the current total of 140 to a revised figure of 116, as terms expire.

The minimisation of costs associated with regulatory authority secretariat and office functions was a Ministerial priority and this was reported to Cabinet in December 2010. A report back to Cabinet on the proposal was due in June 2011.

There was a range of options to consider for reducing the costs of regulation, including:

- i. consolidation of all RAs into one organisation;
- ii. consolidation of all RAs into one organisation except for the five with either the largest numbers of members or the most disciplinary cases;

- iii. consolidation of all the RA secretariats (on its own);
- iv. reduction in the number of Board members (on its own).

A fifth and preferred option involved both:

1. consolidation of all the RA secretariats, together with;
2. reducing the number of Board members.

Council was required to respond by Friday 15 April 2011.