

DENTAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera Tiaki Nihō o Aotearoa

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

Dental Council Meeting Summary of Decisions – 8 August 2011

Elections

Council elected the following positions:

- Dr Mark Goodhew as Chair; and
- Dr Michael Bain as Deputy Chair of Council.

APC Fees for Dentists

The APC fee and discipline levy for dentists was approved by Council, after consideration of the submissions received from the consultation on the revised APC fee, including queries from practitioners. The APC fee included a refund of the surplus operational APC reserves of \$92.95 per dentist and dentists would be charged an additional disciplinary levy of \$122.84 per dentist in accordance with section 131 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA). The composite dentist APC fee/disciplinary levy, effective from 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 would be gazetted as follows:

APC fee (GST exclusive)	\$587.39
Disciplinary Levy (GST exclusive)	\$148.02
Total APC fee and Discipline Levy (GST exclusive):	\$735.41

Council Policies

Council considered a number of policies which were amended to align with the revised Council governance structure, as a result of its 23 May 2011 decision, to abolish the Professional Boards effective 5 August 2011.

Australian Dental Council (ADC)/Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee Membership

The representation on the ADC/Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee was reviewed by Council. This was due to recent Council appointments, with Professor Robert Love's term not being renewed and the resignation of Kirsty Jennings from the ADC/Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee.

Council confirmed that Dr Mark Goodhew, as the Dental Council's Chair, would fill the ex officio position with Dr Michael Bain remaining as a Dental Council representative for the remainder of this appointment term. Council further appointed Professor Robert Love for a three year term.

The composition of the New Zealand representation on this Committee would be reconsidered after Australia had finalised its review of the:

- a. Composition of the ADC/Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee; and
- b. Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Dental Board of Australia.

Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice - Orthodontic Procedures Consultation Feedback

Council considered all the submissions received and to address some of issues raised, a follow-up draft consultation document was to be prepared, with the approved Council changes, for the Council's consideration at its September 2011 meeting.

Draft Consultation Document - Proposed Changes to the Orthodontic Auxiliary Prescribed Qualifications

The draft consultation document with the proposed changes was approved by Council. However the issue of this document would be delayed until the finalisation of the Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice – Orthodontic Procedures follow-up consultation, so the two consultations could be issued simultaneously.

Oral Surgery Working Party and Council Oral Surgery Committee Reports

Council approved the preparation of a draft consultation document on the future of the Oral Surgery Scope of Practice in New Zealand, which would offer three options without a Council preference, as listed in the Council Committee's report, and which were aligned to the Oral Surgery Working Party's main recommendations. If feasible this document would be considered by Council at its October 2011 meeting.

Adult Care in Dental Therapy – Scope of Practice

The revised draft Notice for the Adult Care in Dental Therapy Scope of Practice was approved by Council for issue to all stakeholders.

Workforce Agreements

The University of Otago and Auckland University of Technology were to be approached to make provision for the Dental Council to present to students earlier in their training programmes on the legislative requirements for all registered practitioners after graduation.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider Renewal Application

The following CPD Providers renewal applications were approved by Council for a five year period; August 2011 to August 2016:

- Auckland Regional Dental Service;
- Canterbury District Health Board;
- Hutt Valley District Health Board;
- Taranaki District Health Board.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Provider New Application

Council granted full approval to the Australian Dental Association, New South Wales Centre for Professional Dental Development to be a CPD provider for a five year period; August 2011 to August 2016.

Consultation Feedback Draft Code of Practice – The Practice of Dental Technology and Clinical Dental Technology and the Working Relationship within the Practice of Dentistry

Council considered the consultation feedback and agreed to the drafting of a follow-up consultation document regarding the additional proposed changes to the scopes of practice for Dental Technology and Clinical Dental Technology. This consultation document would also incorporate further proposed changes to the revised Code of Practice: The Practice of Dental

Technology and Clinical Dental Technology and the Working Relationship within the Practice of Dentistry.

The revised Generic Code of Practice for Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice would be issued after finalisation of the follow-up consultation.

Accreditation Report

In future accreditation review team memberships would be made available, as soon as appointed, on the Council's website and Professional Associations would be advised prior to the site visit.

Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia – Request for Accreditation Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral Pathology (FFOP)

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's request for its Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral Pathology to undergo a full accreditation review, following the ADC/Dental Council (NZ) Committee process standard accreditation, was approved by Council.

Adult Care in Dental Therapy – New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Programme Accreditation Review Team

Council, at its May 2011 meeting, had approved the initiation of the accreditation process to review the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) course application to be accredited as a prescribed qualification for Adult Care in Dental Therapy Scope of Practice.

As part of the next step in the accreditation review process Council approved the following review team members:

- Mark Gussy;
- Leonie Short;
- Vicki Kershaw; and
- John Robertson.

In addition, Council required that a dentist be included as part of the review team, and requested the New Zealand Dental Association to nominate three dentists for Council's consideration at its September 2011 meeting.

ERMA Update and Decision

Council noted the decision made by ERMA especially Clause 1.2.9 Tooth-whitening products containing or releasing more than 12% hydrogen peroxide may only be applied by:

- i. a dentist;
- ii. a registered oral health practitioner who is under the supervision of a dentist; or
- iii. a non-registered tooth-whitening practitioner who is under the supervision of a dentist.

Council also noted that bullet point (iii) of this clause was inappropriate and could possibly compromise public safety, especially as the HPCA Act provided no framework for a dentist to "supervise" non-registered tooth-whitening practitioners.

To date there had been no response from the Environmental Protection Agency to the joint letter sent from Ministry of Health and Dental Council.

Council's Tooth Whitening Statement would be reviewed to ensure there were no legal discrepancies with the ERMA decision.