

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meetings in December 2020

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The Dental Council (Council) is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meetings held in December 2020.

Accreditation guidelines and policy

With the establishment of the new accreditation committee, the accreditation guidelines and policy were updated and approved by the Council. These are now available on the [website](#).

University of Otago – DclinDent oral and maxillofacial surgery accreditation

Council considered the site evaluation team report and the accreditation committee's recommendation.

The Council granted accreditation to the DCLinDent (OMS) programme until 31 December 2023 subject to a condition being met by 17 September 2021 and before students are accepted into the programme. The condition requires outplacements of the students for at least six months to ensure increased clinical exposure in some defined areas.

The [accreditation report and the full Council decision](#) is available on the website.

AUT Bachelor of Health Sciences in Oral Health –condition monitoring and COVID-19

In February 2020, monitoring conditions were placed on the AUT Bachelor of Health Sciences in Oral Health programme around resources and international placement agreements, in order to ensure that the related accreditation standards remain met. During the COVID-19 monitoring further areas of concern were identified, and the scope of the condition was expanded to include these areas. The monitoring review will be prioritised early in 2021.

Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons Fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – COVID-19 report

The Council accepted the accreditation committee's recommendation and accepted the FRACDS (OMS) external examiner report and agreed that this requirement now concluded the 2020 COVID-19 monitoring for the programme.