

## Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meetings in September 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 September 2020.

### 2021 Council meeting dates

The 2021 Council and Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting dates were approved. These dates will be published on our [website](#).

### New Zealand accreditation committee

The Council has established a new sub-committee that will make recommendations on accreditation matters for oral health programmes that lead to registration in New Zealand. This new accreditation committee will replace the joint ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee.

The new committee will comprise senior dental academics (at least one from Australia), New Zealand clinicians, an independent educational standard-setting member, and a lay member. Representation will cover general dentistry/dental specialist, oral health and clinical dental/dental technology. At least one member will self-identify as Māori.

The following members were appointed for a three-year term:

- Professor Robert Love – Chair and senior dental academic
- Associate Professor Janet Wallace – senior dental academic
- Dr Ian Mercer – clinician
- Dr Susan Gorrie – clinician
- Associate Professor Meegan Hall – lay member
- Ms Mania Maniapoto-Ngaia – Independent educational standard-setting expert
- Andrew Gray, Ex-officio / Council Chair.

### University of Otago – Auckland dental facility condition report

In the 2019 accreditation review of the University of Otago undergraduate programmes, a monitoring site visit of the new Auckland dental facility once it has been completed, was placed as a condition on the BDS programme.

The site visit was delayed due to the COVID-19 alert levels 3 & 4 restrictions. The site evaluation team (SET) carried out the site visit in July 2020 and the SET report was considered by the ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation committee at its meeting on 14 August 2020.

The Council resolved to accept the accreditation committee's recommendation that the BDS Otago has met condition 7 – subject to further monitoring conditions to be met by the end of December 2020. These new monitoring primarily related to greater academic and clinical integration between the Dunedin faculty and Auckland facility across a number of areas; and implementing research support for the Auckland based BDS and BDS (Honours) students commencing in 2021.

### Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) - Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) – Accreditation Condition

Council accepted the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation that the June 2020 report submitted by RACDS satisfied the external examiner accreditation condition for the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) programme.

### New Zealand accredited programmes – COVID-19 monitoring reports

Council considered the COVID-19 monitoring reports (July and August 2020) submitted by the providers with NZ accredited programmes – University of Otago, AUT, Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons – oral and maxillofacial surgery and NZ Association of Orthodontists – orthodontic auxiliary.

Council agreed that it would continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 – particularly ensuring appropriate clinical experiences are available to ensure competent graduates. Further information will be requested from University of Otago, AUT and RACDS.