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News Bulletin

## **Dentists and CDAs now regulated under *Health Professions Act* *Dentists Act* and Rules repealed**

On April 3, 2009, the College of Dental Surgeons of BC became regulated under the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), joining most of British Columbia's self-regulated health professions under a common legislative framework. The *Dentists Act* and the Rules have been revoked and replaced with the HPA, Regulations and College Bylaws.

For the most part, the changes caused by this transition do not directly affect the day-to-day practice of dentists and CDAs. However, it is important you understand the basic elements of the new regulatory framework.

The College has published the enclosed *Overview of the Health Professions Act*, which is being distributed to all B.C. dentists and CDAs today. It is also available on our newly updated website at [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org) and by fax on request. The HPA, the Bylaws and the Regulations can also be found on the website. CDAs and dentists without Internet access can contact the College to obtain copies.

We are in the process of updating all our documents to reflect the requirements of the HPA and the new College Bylaws. Questions and specific information requests can be directed to the College's HPA Hotline at 604-714-5308 or emailed to [info@cdsbc.org](mailto:info@cdsbc.org).

### **New College website**

With the transition to the HPA, we have refreshed our website to create a more interactive, user-friendly and modern presence on the Internet. More information and documents will continue to be added over the coming weeks to reflect changes from the HPA.

Dentists and CDAs are encouraged to visit often for the latest news and information about regulatory matters and to learn more about the HPA, College Bylaws and the Dentists Regulation. Visit [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org) today!

### **Contact the College**

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