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Dentist & Certified Dental Assistant Fax Bulletin

Licence Renewal Deadline is March 1

In addition to ensuring you are legally entitled to practise, renewing your licence by the March 1 deadline will guarantee your eligibility to vote in the upcoming CDSBC annual election.

Note that if the College does not receive your payment by the due date, your licence will be considered void until the renewal fee and late payment fines have been paid. All late payments are subject to a penalty fee. If you pay by cheque and it is returned to us as NSF, your licence will not be valid until you have paid the NSF charges, late fee and the licence renewal fee.

Clarification: Consent to Release Information

Your licence renewal package includes a new Information Consent Form as a requirement under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and which precludes all previous forms of consent to the College.

If you use your home or other personal information as your mailing address for the College and you do not provide us with consent to release this information, we cannot, by law, provide it to the BC Dental Association (BCDA) or to the Certified Dental Assistants of BC (CDABC). As a result, you will not be registered as an active member of your Association. If you are a CDA, this means that CDABC will not be able to send you information such as the CDABC *Certified News* and Employment Survey Report, and you will lose access to member services such as the member area of the website. If you are a dentist, this means you will not receive information such as the BCDA *Connections* newsletter, the fee guide or information about the PDC, and you will not be able to access other member services. If, however, you use your practice address, it will automatically be provided to the BCDA unless you specify otherwise.

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact Monica Jimenez at the College at 604 736-3621 or toll free at 1 800 663-9169.



February Council Highlights Online

Highlights from the February Council meeting are now available on the College website (www.cdsbc.org) under “College Publications: Communications Points.”

Notice of Election for Dentist Registrants on Council

Watch for your Notice of Election materials to arrive in the mail. For the 2005 election, Council has reinstated the third elected officer, the position of Vice President. To accomplish this without increasing the size of Council, the Thompson/Okanagan and Kootenay Districts have been amalgamated and will be called the Southern Interior Electoral District. See the February Communications Points on our website for more details.

Pharmanet I.D. Numbers

Our last issue of *Contact* reminded dentists to include their College registration number on **all** prescriptions (single and duplicate) to ensure the dispensing pharmacist can properly identify you. Your College registration number and Pharmanet ID number are the same.

Policy Update

The College has updated its policy statement on Prescribing & Dispensing Drugs. You can obtain a copy from our website under “About the College” “Guidelines/Policies” or request one by phone.

Join Us at the PDC!

It's Your College: Be Part of the Evolution!

Friday, March 11, 1:30 – 4 p.m. Convention Centre, Room 17

A new session for dentists and CDAs. Learn about the College from the inside out – how it works and how you can get involved in the regulation of dentistry in B.C.

Comments and Suggestions

Feedback or suggestions for upcoming issues can be made to **Margot White**, Manager of Communications, CDSBC at **604 736-3621** in the Lower Mainland or toll-free at **1 800 663-9169**. If you would like to receive *Contact* by email or to unsubscribe, please phone or email margot@cdsbc.org.