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Dentist & Certified Dental Assistant Fax Bulletin

## **REMINDER: Licence Renewal Deadline is March 1st**

### ***Save money, renew on time!***

You may not practise as a dentist or certified dental assistant after March 1 without having paid a practising licence fee. Note that if the College does not receive your payment by the due date, your licence will continue to be expired until the renewal fee has been paid. All late payments are subject to a penalty fee, and this late fee must be paid before your license can be renewed next year in 2007. However, note that if you pay by cheque this year and it is returned to the College as NSF, your 2006 licence will not be valid until you have fully paid the NSF charges, late fee and the licence renewal fee.

Dentists must indicate they are insured by CDSPI or provide a copy of their certificate of insurance from another carrier.

If your continuing education cycle ended on December 31, 2005, make sure your credits earned to then are up-to-date. The individual CE credit submission form is available on our website.

Questions? Call us or visit the Registration and Licensing section of our website.

## **Are You a Retiring CDA or Dentist?**

**Dentists** – You must formally notify the College in writing of your official retirement date. Your status becomes official for insurance purposes on the date on which we receive your written notification. We recommend that you also notify CDSPI or other malpractice insurer of the date.

**CDAs** – the College has introduced a new 'retired membership' category. This is ideal for certified dental assistants who are changing careers or leaving the workforce. For \$25, your retired membership continues your subscription to our *Sentinel* newsletter and other relevant mailings. You will, however, be removed from the College's register. Once you choose retired membership, you will need to re-register with the College if you want to return to work as a CDA in B.C.



## CDA on Council

Certified dental assistants who are interested in becoming a member of College Council are encouraged to complete the application form included in this year's licence renewal package. The College's CDA Council Member Selection Working Group will be providing Council with the recommendation of an appointed member for 2006 - 2007. Check the Fall 2005 *Sentinel* (page 8) on our website for details and criteria.

## Long-term Care Facility Pilot Project with CDAs

The College's CDA Advisory Committee is tracking CDA participation in this pilot project. If you are involved, please provide the College with your name, the name of the long-term care facility and the name of the supervising dentist(s) by contacting Betty Larsen, Director, CDA Regulation, by email ([blarsen@cdsbc.org](mailto:blarsen@cdsbc.org)) or by fax 604 734-9448 (toll free 1 866 734 9448). Thanks to those CDAs who have already notified us of their participation.

## PDC 2006: Critical Skills for Patient Management

***Thursday, March 9 (Convention Centre, room 18)***

Join us for this exciting program based on the College's popular Dental Records Management course. The session, which is relevant to all members of the dental team, is geared to help you make the most of your patient relationships, while reaping the benefits of patient satisfaction.

College Council members and senior staff will be available to answer your questions.

## Receive this News Bulletin by Email

Send your request by email to Margot White, Communications Manager at [mwhite@cdsbc.org](mailto:mwhite@cdsbc.org)

## Moving?

Remember to add the College to the list of people to notify if you change your address, phone/fax number or email.