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News Bulletin

PLEASE POST: College Bylaws Consultation

Last month, we notified you that government had posted Regulations for the profession of Dentistry for a 90-day public consultation period so that dentists, certified dental assistants (CDAs) and others could provide feedback by February 21, 2007.

Draft College Bylaws have now also been posted on the College and government websites for consultation. The Bylaws will essentially replace our existing Rules under the Dentists Act when we transition to regulation under the Health Professions Act (HPA) later this year.

Each regulatory college governed under the HPA has its own bylaws which set out the details of the operation of the organization, including the duties and responsibilities of a governing board, committees and the registrar; qualifications for registration; and the regulation of professional conduct and ethics. The deadline for providing feedback on the proposed College Bylaws is March 20, 2007.

Copies of the draft Bylaws, Regulations and Reserved Actions (as well as information about how to provide feedback) can be found on our website www.cdsbc.org or the government's at www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/leg

REMINDER: Licence Renewal Deadline is March 1

Please contact the College if you do not receive your renewal notice by mid-February. Note that dentists and CDAs may not practise after March 1, 2007 without having paid a practising licence fee.

The CDA licence fee for 2007/08 is \$100 as it no longer includes funds to provide a grant to the CDA member service organization. The CDABC has elected to collect its annual membership dues directly from CDAs. Learn more at www.cdabc.org.

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



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

NEW: Delegating Duties to CDAs with Limited Permit

Dentists should be aware that all of the duties covered in Articles 10.16 and 10.17 of the Rules under the *Dentists Act* can be delegated to graduates from accredited Level II dental assisting programs within B.C. who hold a Limited Permit with the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. Dentists should check and be aware of the expiry date of these permits. The College developed the permit to enable graduates who are waiting to write the NDAEB Written Examination with the ability to practise for a limited period of time following graduation.

New CDA Council Member Position

March 1 is also the deadline to apply for the newly-created position on Council for a second CDA. Interested CDAs are encouraged to complete the application form included in this year's licence renewal package. The CDA Council Member Selection Working Group will be providing Council with a recommendation for an appointed member for 2006 - 2007. Contact Betty Larsen for more information (blarsen@cdsbc.org).

PDC 2007:

Tough Patient Situations - What Would You Do?

Attend our newest seminar *Tough Patient Situations, What Would You Do?* on Friday morning at the PDC.

No one enjoys dealing with difficult patient situations, yet they're part of everyday practice. Learn to handle them more effectively with tips on communication, documentation and patient management. This interactive session will include case studies based on examples of College complaints and will be of interest to all members of the dental team.

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