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News Bulletin

## Final Draft College Bylaws Posted for Consultation

This bulletin is part of the College of Dental Surgeons' ongoing communications about the transition of the regulation of dentists and CDAs to the **Health Professions Act** (HPA).

The final draft Bylaws of the College have been posted today on the College's website for consultation, giving dentists, CDAs and others the opportunity to provide comments. The Bylaws will replace the existing Rules under the *Dentists Act* when the College transitions to the *Health Professions Act* on April 3, 2009.

The B.C. Ministry of Health Services has requested that comments on the final draft of the Bylaws be submitted to the Ministry and to the College by no later than the close of business on **Monday, March 23, 2009** as follows:

Ministry of Health Services

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There are three main components involved in dentists and CDAs being regulated under the *Health Professions Act*. These include the Bylaws, the **Dentists Regulation** and the *Health Professions Act*. All of these documents are available online through the College's website [www.cdsbc.org](http://www.cdsbc.org) and through the Ministry of Health Services website at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg/notice/dentistry.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg/notice/dentistry.html)

**1. Health Professions Act** – the Act is umbrella legislation that provides a common regulatory framework for health professions in B.C.

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**2. Regulations** – Regulations are created by government for each individual health profession governed under the Act. Each regulation contains a scope of practice statement and a set of restricted activities that outline what members of that profession are authorized to do.

**3. Bylaws** – each regulatory College has its own bylaws. The bylaws 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.

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