

BOARD BUSINESS

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STANDARD OF PRACTICE: USE OF SEDATION AND GENERAL ANESTHESIA IN DENTAL PRACTICE

At the January 31, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board, the Board adopted the new *Standard of Practice: Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia in Dental Practice*. There is also a new application form for sedation permits for dentists. The Standard of Practice and application form can be found on the Board's website at: <http://pdbns.ca/licensees/policies-and-guidelines/Standard-of-Practice-Use-of-Sedation-and-General-Anesthesia-in-Dental-Prac>

FAIR REGISTRATION PRACTICES ACT: PROGRESS REPORT (2020)

The Provincial Dental Board completed its Fair Registration Practices Act (FRPA) Progress Report in April 2020. The Report can be found on the FRPA website at:

https://frpa.novascotia.ca/system/files/grouped_list_item/PDBNS%20-%202020%20Progress%20Report%20-%20Final%20Signed.pdf

The Report concluded that to be compliant with the provisions of the Canada Free Trade Agreement, the Board required streamlining of the supporting documentation required for applicants currently registered by another Canadian Dental Regulatory Authority or Canadian Dental Assisting Regulatory Authority. These changes have been implemented and can be found on the Board's website:

<http://pdbns.ca/applicants>



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LICENSING REPORT

As of September 30, 2020 the number of licensed dentists, students, assistants and corporations are:

Year	DDS	Students	DA's	Corporations
2020 (Sept. 30, 20)	560	17	822	411
2019 (Dec.31,19)	560	17	831	394
2018 (Dec.31,18)	570	19	805	376
2017 (Dec.31,17)	559	18	789	393
2016 (Dec.31,16)	549	19	746	384

LICENSE RENEWAL 2020-21

At the August 20, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board, the Board approved the 2021 Budget which will see no increase in licensing fees. The licensing fees for 2020-21 are:

Dentist	\$	1,145.00
Registered Dental Assistant	\$	235.00
Student	\$	66.00
Temporary Authorization	\$	66.00
Corporation	\$	176.00
Certificate of Standing	\$	41.00

The 2020-21 license renewal forms will be mailed to dentists in October 2020. The Provincial Dental Board has acquired the services of Guild, a local cloud-based member management system, that will allow registrants to renew their licenses on-line. Due to technical concerns, the Board will perform license renewal for dentists in the traditional manner, but it is expected that Registered Dental Assistants will be able to renew their licenses using the on-line platform in the spring 2021.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

At the January 31, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointments were made:

Mandatory Continuing Dental Education Committee

Dr. Erin Hennessey (Chair)

Dr. Sayed Mirbod

Ms. Audra Hayden

At the March 25, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointment was made:

Registration Appeal Committee

Dr. Gorman Doyle (Chair)

At the June 3, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following re-appointments were made:

Complaints Committee

Dr. Lee Erickson

Ms. Donna Dickie

At the June 29, 2020 meeting of the Provincial Dental Board the following appointment was made:

Registration Appeal Committee

Dr. Clare Champoux

BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**Board Appointments**

The Nova Scotia Dental Association has re-appointed Dr. Terrie Logue and Dr. Russell MacSween . Dr. Logue will commence her third term and Dr. MacSween will commence his second term on January 1, 2021.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**Complaints Committee**January 6, 2020

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on January 6, 2020 to hear two cases.

Case 1: Reprimand. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 2: Reprimand. Publish on a no-name basis.

March 2, 2020

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on March 2, 2020 to hear two cases.

Case 1: Counsel. Publish on a no-name basis.

Case 2: Refer to Discipline. Publish on a no-name basis.

September 18, 2020

A meeting of the Complaints Committee was held on September 18, 2020 to hear one case.

Case 1: Settlement Agreement forwarded to Discipline.

Mandatory Continuing Education (MCDE) Committee

The MCDE Committee met on February 7, 2020 for the MCDE business meeting and audit for Registered Dental Assistants (3-year cycle ending December 31, 2019).

The MCDE Committee was scheduled to meet in March 2020 to perform the audit for dentists; however this meeting was postponed due to the COVID -19 pandemic. Subsequent MCDE business meetings were held by videoconference to address issues created by the pandemic.. The Committee recommended to the Board that the MCDE cycle for Registered Dental Assistants and Dentists whose cycle ended on December 31, 2019 be given a one year extension to make up any deficiencies in CDE credits, and that MCDE cycles ending on December 31, 2020; December 31, 2021; and December 31, 2022 be extended by one year. The Board accepted the recommendations of the MCDE Committee.

The MCDE Committee also recognized that due to the pandemic, registrants face challenges in meeting Category 1 CDE requirements due to the lack of attendance courses. As a result, The MCDE Committee recommended changes to the MCDE Guidelines to make the fulfillment of meeting Category 1 requirements possible. The proposed changes include: a) Live webinars hosted by approved sponsors to qualify for Category 1 credits; b) On-line courses with a test component that were previously categorized as Category 2 be categorized as Category 1; and Registered Study Clubs be able to meet virtually and that the virtual meetings would be considered equivalent to an attendance meeting. The Board accepted the recommendations of the MCDE Committee and the revised Guidelines can be found on the PDBNS website at: <http://pdbns.ca/licensees/mandatory-continuing-dental-education/mandatory-continuing-dental-education-guidelines>

Dental Practice Review (DPR) Committee

The Dental Practice Review (DPR) Committee met virtually on August 6, 2020 to review the Self-assessment forms submitted by dentists audited in 2020. The second phase of the audit is underway with site visits being conducted by the Registrar and Deputy Registrar. The primary focus of DPR site visits in 2020 is to review each office's site-specific COVID-19 Reopening Plan and that this Plan is being properly implemented.

Registration Appeal Committee

The Registration Appeal Committee had no activity since the last meeting of the Provincial Dental Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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