

Health Professions Act
DENTAL TECHNICIANS REGULATION

PROPOSED

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Definitions

~~1~~ In this regulation:

~~"Act" means the Health Professions Act;~~

~~"dentist" means a person authorized under the Dentists Act to practise dentistry;~~

~~"denturist" means a person authorized under the Act to practise denturism;~~

~~"prescription" means a document, signed and dated by a dentist or medical practitioner, that directs a dental technician to perform a service that a dental technician is permitted, by the dental technician's certificate of registration, to perform for the purpose specified in the document.~~

College name

~~2~~ The name "College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia" is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for dental technology.

Reserved title

~~3~~ The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:

~~(a) dental technician;~~

~~(b) certified dental technician;~~

~~(c) registered dental technician.~~

Scope of practice

~~4~~ A registrant may, if the services can be performed without intraoral procedures or the taking of impressions,

~~(a) make, produce, reproduce, construct, furnish, supply, alter and repair a denture, bridge or prosthetic appliance or thing to be used in, on, in connection with, or in the treatment of a human tooth, jaw or associated structure or tissue for a person in accordance with a prescription to perform any of those services for that person, and~~

~~(b) make structural repairs to a removable dental prosthesis or replace teeth in a denture without a prescription.~~

Restricted activities

~~5~~ (1) No person other than a registrant may, for another individual,

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~~(a) make, produce, reproduce, construct, furnish, supply, alter or repair a prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance or thing to be used in, on, in connection with or in the treatment of a human tooth, jaw or associated structure or tissue, or~~

~~(b) make, repair, reline, replace or furnish upper or lower full dentures.~~

~~(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who performs the services of a dental technician if~~

~~(a) the services are performed under the direct supervision and in the office of a dentist, and~~

~~(b) the services are performed exclusively for the practice of the dentist.~~

~~(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who~~

~~(a) provides any services referred to in subsection (1) in the course of his or her employment by the Government of Canada or by any agent of the Government of Canada, or~~

~~(b) is engaged solely in the business of manufacturing, fabricating or supplying in commercial quantities articles to be used by registrants, denturists, dentists or medical practitioners.~~

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Definitions

- 1 In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“**complete denture**” means a dental prosthesis, supported by soft tissue, that replaces the natural teeth and associated structures in an edentulous arch and is not attached to or supported by natural teeth or implants and which is removable by the patient;

“**dental appliance**” means an appliance or a device designed or offered for a dental condition or other condition of the orofacial complex, excluding a mouthguard designed or offered for temporary protection against injury during sporting activities;

“**dental technology**” means the health profession in which a person provides the service of making, altering or providing dental appliances;

“dentist” means a person who is authorized under the Act to practise the designated health profession of dentistry;

“denturist” means a person who is authorized under the Act to practise the designated health profession of denturism;

“edentulous arch” means a dental arch with no remaining natural teeth or roots;

“implants” means a device that has been inserted into, over, through or under the jawbone for the purpose of supporting a dental prosthesis;

“prescription” means an authorization, issued by a person who is authorized under the Act to prescribe a dental appliance, to make or alter a dental appliance for use by a named individual.

College name

- 2 The name “College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for dental technology.

Reserved title

- 3 The title “dental technician” is reserved for exclusive use by registrants.

Scope of practice

- 4 A dental technician may practise dental technology.

Restricted activities

- 5 (1) A registrant in the course of practising dental technology may do the following:
 - (a) on receipt of a prescription, make or alter a dental appliance and provide the dental appliance to the person who prescribed it;
 - (b) on receipt of a written request from a denturist,
 - (i) make or alter a complete denture and provide the denture to the denturist who requested it, and
 - (ii) make or alter a partial denture or overdenture and provide the denture to the denturist who requested it, if the request is accompanied by a prescription;
 - (c) without a prescription, make minor alterations to a removable dental appliance and provide the altered dental appliance to the person who requested it, if the original design of the dental appliance is not changed.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), only a registrant who is dental technician may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity set out in subsection (1).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person who is engaged solely in the business of making or supplying, in commercial quantities, articles for use by registrants, denturists, dentists or medical practitioners.

Limit on services

- 6 A registrant who is a dental technician may not perform intra-oral procedures or take oral impressions, other than for the purpose of making or altering a mouthguard designed or offered for temporary protection against injury during sporting activities.