



# SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

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To: All Graduate Dentists

## SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015

The term of office for the incumbent members of the Singapore Dental Council will expire at the end of April 2015. As such, election of Council members will be held in March 2015.

2 All graduate Dentists will be required to elect five members to the Council. The Minister of Health will appoint another five Division I Dentists, one Division II Dentist and a minimum of one Oral Health Therapist to form the new Council. They will assume office on 1 May 2015.

3 As there are five vacancies, you may propose or second not more than five candidates. The person you nominate must consent to be a candidate in this election.

4 Your kind attention is drawn to Section 7\* of the Dental Registration Act (Chapter 76) (the "Act"), stating who may **NOT** qualify as a member of the Council. If you intend to run as a candidate in this election, you should familiarize yourself with the relevant provisions of the Act and the Dentists Regulations\*\*. Parts of the Act pertaining to the elections and to the Council are reproduced on the reverse of this page for reference.

5 Nominations close at **5pm on Thursday, 5 February 2015**. You may hand in your Nomination Forms at Council's office. Alternatively, you may send the same by recorded delivery or registered mail (**NOT by normal mail**). Submissions of nominations by email or fax will be deemed invalid.

**DR CHNG CHAI KIAT  
RETURNING OFFICER  
DENTAL COUNCIL ELECTION 2015**

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### \* Disqualifications for membership of Council

7. No person shall be a member of the Council if —

- (a) he is not a citizen or a permanent resident of Singapore;
- (b) he is not a registered dentist or registered oral health therapist;
- (c) he is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (d) he has been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty, or implying a defect in character which makes him unfit for his profession;
- (e) he has been found guilty in Singapore or elsewhere of any improper act or conduct which brings disrepute to his profession;
- (f) he has been found guilty in Singapore or elsewhere of professional misconduct; or
- (g) his fitness to practise dentistry is judged by the Health Committee to be impaired by reason of his physical or mental condition.

\*\* The printed version is on sale at the Singapore National Printers. You may also view the Dental Registration Act and Dentists Regulations via SDC's website under "Publications" at <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>

## **DENTAL REGISTRATION ACT (CHAPTER 76)**

### **Establishment of Dental Council**

3. – (2) The Council shall consist of –

- (a) the Chief Dental Officer;
  - (b) the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry of the National University of Singapore;
  - (c) 3 registered dentists, to be appointed by the Minister, whose names appear in the first division of the Register of Dentists and who are practising in Singapore;
  - (d) one registered dentist, to be appointed by the Minister, whose name appears in the second division of the Register of Dentists and who is practising in Singapore;
  - (e) at least one but not more than 3 registered oral health therapists, to be appointed by the Minister, whose names appear in the Register of Oral Health Therapists and who are practising in Singapore; and
  - (f) 5 members to be elected by registered dentists whose names appear in the first division of the Register of Dentists and who are practising in Singapore.
- (4) Only registered dentists whose names appear in the first division of the Register of Dentists and who have at least 10 years' experience in the practice of dentistry may be elected as members of the Council.
- (5) The members shall hold office for a term of 3 years and shall be eligible for reappointment or re-election.
- (6) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of any member appointed under subsection (2)(c), (d) or (e) without assigning any reason.

### **Functions of Council**

4. The functions of the Council are –

- (a) to approve or reject applications for registration as a dentist or an oral health therapist under this Act or to approve any such application subject to such conditions as it may think fit;
- (b) to issue certificates of registration and practising certificates to registered dentists and registered oral health therapists;
- (c) to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on the courses of instructions and examinations leading to a degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery in the National University of Singapore;
- (d) to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities for the training and education of registered dentists and registered oral health therapists;
- (e) to determine and regulate the conduct and ethics of registered dentists and registered oral health therapists;
- (ea) to provide administrative services to other statutory boards responsible for the regulation of healthcare professionals; and
- (f) generally to do all such acts, matters and things as are necessary to be carried out, or which the Council is authorised to carry out, under this Act.

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- (c) he is an undischarged bankrupt;
- (d) he has been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty, or implying a defect in character which makes him unfit for his profession;
- (e) he has been found guilty in Singapore or elsewhere of any improper act or conduct which brings disrepute to his profession;
- (f) he has been found guilty in Singapore or elsewhere of professional misconduct; or
- (g) his fitness to practice dentistry is judged by the Health Committee to be impaired by reason of his physical or mental condition.

### **Filling of vacancies**

8. —(1) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if the member –

- (a) dies;
  - (b) resigns his office;
  - (c) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
  - (d) becomes subject to any of the disqualifications specified in section 7;
  - (e) without any good and sufficient reason, refuses to accept an appointment as a member of a Disciplinary Committee or the Health Committee; or
  - (f) being a member appointed by the Minister under section 3(2)(c), (d) or (e), has his appointment revoked before the expiry of his term of office.
- (2) The Council may, with the approval of the Minister, remove from office any member of the Council who is absent without leave of the Council from 3 consecutive meetings of –
- (a) the Council; or
  - (b) a Disciplinary Committee, or the Health Committee, of which he is a member.

**SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL  
ELECTION 2015 NOMINATION FORM**

To:

The Returning Officer  
Dental Council Election 2015  
Singapore Dental Council  
81 Kim Keat Road  
#09-00 NKF Centre  
Singapore 328836

**Nomination closes at  
5pm on Thursday, 5 February 2015**

**Submit your nomination by hand,  
recorded delivery or registered mail**

**Nominations received by email or fax  
are deemed invalid**

<b>NOMINEE 1</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>NOMINEE 2</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>NOMINEE 3</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>NOMINEE 4</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>NOMINEE 5</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>PROPOSER</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	
<b>SECONDER</b>	Name in full (in block letters)	
	NRIC No	
	Signature	

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES**

1. Submit a CV and a "message to colleagues". The suggested format is on the reverse of this page. Do not exceed two A4 pages. Submit it as printed pages or as a computer file (in Microsoft Word .doc or Acrobat .pdf format). The Council is unable to provide secretarial assistance in this matter.
2. If you are submitting it as a computer file, please text-in your photograph. If you are using a colour photograph, be mindful that it may not turn out well on a B/W photocopied page.
3. The CV and message shall be photocopied on one A4 sheet, ie, back to back, and sent to all dentists who are eligible to vote. Any submission in excess of two A4 pages would be shrunk in the photocopying process.
4. **Deadline for submission of CV and message is 5pm on Thursday, 5 February 2015.**

## Information on the Candidate

Name :

Age & Gender :

Professional Qualifications :

Field of Practice :

Place of Practice :

Professional / Academic Appointments :

Office held in Professional Organisations :

Office held in Other Organisations :

Honours and Awards :

Message to colleagues :

**A recent  
photograph**

(Provide one that is likely to be reproduced well when photocopied in B/W)

This template is only a suggestion. Candidates may use any format.

This election manifesto will be posted only to dentists who are eligible to vote. Your submission will also be posted on the Dental Council's website at <http://www.sdc.gov.sg>.

Each candidate is limited to two A4 pages. Please ensure that all the information and material provided is accurate as the secretariat will only reproduce material and will not be responsible for the text.

Submission may be printed on A4 paper, or as computer file in Microsoft Word .doc or Adobe .pdf format. If you are submitting it as a computer file, please text-in the photograph.

**Deadline for the submission is 5pm on Thursday, 5 February 2015.**