

SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

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Dentist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony 2004



Newly registered dentists with members of Singapore Dental Council

President's Report

The year under review had continued to be a busy year for the Dental Council. Council and its various committees were mostly engaged in final preparations for implementation of the Continuing Professional Development programme, amendments to the Dentists Act, drafting of the new Dentist's Pledge, the Ethical Codes and Guidelines and legislation for the regulation of dental auxiliaries. During the year under review, the Dental Council held 9 council meetings, 27 committee meetings, 3 meetings of the Complaints Committee. There was no disciplinary inquiry.

Continuing Professional Education

The Continuing Professional Development programme (CPD) has been renamed the Continuing Professional Education programme (CPE). Administrative and infra-structural support of the programme have been completed and we are waiting for the amendments to the relevant sections to the Dentists Act to be passed by Parliament before the CPE programme can be officially launched. Council had received considerable feedback from various sectors of the profession and potential CPE providers which has helped to fine-tune the programme further. Issues such as mode of assessment, pro-ration of CPE requirements and special consideration for certain sectors of the profession were discussed and taken into consideration. Details of the CPE programme may be obtained from the SDC website.¹

Amendments to Dentists Act

The Dentists Act Committee was set up in 2004 to review the Dentists Act to bring it in line with current and future changes in dental practice in Singapore. I am happy to report that the committee has completed its review and has recommended a wide-ranging series of amendments to the Act. Much of the amendments had to do with the different forms of dental registration; provisions to allow an expanded scope of work for dental surgery assistants; registration and regulation of Professionals Complementary to Dentistry (PCD) such as dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental hygienists; introduction of mandatory Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for dentists; the setting up of the Dental Specialists Register and legislation to decriminalise certain offences and replace them with administrative or civil sanctions.

The proposed amendments to the Dentists Act have met with approval from the Dental Council, the Director of Medical Services and the Health Minister. It is currently under review and final preparations by the Attorney General Chambers before it is submitted to Parliament for passing later in the year.

¹ <http://www.sdc.gov.sg>

Advertising Guidelines Revised

The Advertising Guidelines, issued under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (PHMC) Act, were first implemented in 1997. The Guidelines were intended to safeguard the public against indiscriminate promotion and advertising of services by healthcare institutions. In recent years the Health Ministry had reviewed and revised these Guidelines to ensure that they remain relevant and up to date. The revised advertising guidelines, now known as the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics (Publicity) Regulations 2004, were implemented on 17 May 2004. Under the new PHMC (Publicity) Regulations 2004, the Advertising Guidelines have been liberalised considerably with many of the past restrictions lifted. Instead of a detailed list of 'dos and don'ts', it now stipulates broad principles that must be complied with.

The Ministry would like to stress that although the new Rules are more liberal, the intent remains the same, i.e. to safeguard the public against indiscriminate promotion and advertising of services by healthcare institutions. Healthcare institutions although can now provide information about its services more freely so that the public can be made aware of the services to make choices, it must not be used as a mean to solicit, promote, entice or encourage unnecessary demand for the healthcare services. Council would like to urge members to familiarise themselves with the new Guidelines and to ensure that their practice advertisements and publications convey a sense of professionalism and in compliance with the Guidelines of the new PHMC (Publicity) Regulations 2004. Copies of the Regulations may be obtained from the Government Printers.²

² SNP Corporation Ltd, 491 River Valley Road, #01-19/20 Valley Point, Singapore 248371. \$5.09.

Ethics Committee

2004 saw the formation of an Ethics Committee of the Dental Council. The committee, which comprised of representatives from all sectors of the dental profession, was tasked with drafting our own Dentist's Pledge and the Ethical Code and Guidelines for the profession. The committee will also serve to research and advise the Dental Council on ethical issues in dental practice that may confront the profession from time to time.

Dentist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony

The first Dentist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony was successfully held 8 November 2004 with the honourable Minister for Health, Mr Khaw Boon Wan as the guest-of-honour. Representatives from all sectors of the dental profession, leaders of allied professions and distinguished guests were invited to witness the ceremony. Thirty-one newly registered dentists took the pledge for the first time at an impressive ceremony held at the auditorium of the College of Medicine Building. A specially printed pledge certificate was presented to each newly registered dentist at the conclusion of the ceremony. The next Dentist's Pledge Affirmation Ceremony will be held in August 2005.

Staff Matters

We welcome on board Ms Jacqueline Goh who joined the staff of the Council as a Management Support Officer in December 2004. Dr Chen Fee Yuen, Ms Yee Yoke Chun, Ms Norisah Ahmad and Mr Mak Kan Chiew continued to serve the council with distinction as Inspecting Officer, Administrative Manager and Corporate Support Officers respectively.

In closing, I wish to thank members of the Council and the various committees for contributing valuable time and effort in service to Dentistry and to this Council in particular. I would also like to thank the administrative support team for their efficient and devoted services. Most importantly, I wish to thank members of the profession for another year of dedicated and caring service to our public and for helping us to fine-tune our programmes through their valuable feedback and support.

Dr Yip Wing Kong
President
Singapore Dental Council

Members Of Singapore Dental Council



Front row from left: A/Prof Jennifer Neo Chiew Lian, Dr Myra Elliott nee Lin Wen Jui, Dr Eu Oy Chu, Ms Jessie Lim, Dr Adeline Wong Soon May

Mid-row from left: Dr Go Wee Ser, Dr Yip Wing Kong, Prof Chew Chong Lin

Last row from left: A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei, Dr Shahul Hameed, A/Prof Ho Kee Hai, A/Prof Keson Tan Beng Choon

The Dental Council

The Council consists of five elected members and six appointed members and are as follows:

Elected members

A/Prof Ho Kee Hai
A/Prof Jennifer Neo Chiew Lian
A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei
Dr Myra Elliott nee Lin Wen Jui
Dr Go Wee Ser

Appointed members

Dr Yip Wing Kong
Prof Chew Chong Lin³
A/Prof Tan Beng Choon Keson
Dr Eu Oy Chu
Dr Shahul Hameed
Ms Lim Jessie

President
Registrar

Administrative Staff

Secretary

Dr Wong Soon May Adeline

Inspecting Officer

Dr Chen Fee Yuen⁴

Administrative Manager

Ms Yee Yoke Chun

Corporate Support Officer

Ms Norisah Ahmad

Corporate Support Officer

Mr Mak Kan Chiew

³ Concurrently, Prof Chew is the Chief Dental Officer at the Ministry of Health.

⁴ Dr Chen Fee Yuen is a part-time officer.

Committees

Complaints Committee

Complaints Committees are formed from the members of Complaints Panel on an ad-hoc basis with a council member chairing each committee. The following are members of the Complaints Panel⁵.

Dr Chung Kong Mun	A/Prof Lye Lin Heng Irene*
Dr Djeng Shih Kien	A/Prof Tan Cheng Han*
Dr Dominic Leung Wing Hung	Mr Chua Thian Huat*
Dr Li Chung Tai Trevor	Mr Eric Lim Yew Tou*
Dr Loh Fun Chee	Mr Wee Leong How*
Dr Loh Kai Woh Ronald	Ms Kon Mei Leen *
Dr Poon Choy Yoke	Mrs Noorhayati Kassim Quek*
Dr Lee Kim Chuan Lewis	Dr Tham Hon Meng
Dr Rajendram Sivagnanam	Dr Lee Jee Mui
Ms Lee Show Feai	

Accreditation Committee

Chairman	A/Prof Tan Beng Choon Keson
Members	A/Prof Jennifer Neo Chiew Lian
	Dr Chen Nah Nah
	Dr Loh Kai Woh
	Dr Myra Elliott nee Lin Wen Jui

Audit Committee

Chairman	Dr Shahul Hameed
Members	Dr Go Wee Ser
	Ms Lim Jessie

Continuing Professional Development Committee

Chairman	Prof Chew Chong Lin
Members	A/Prof Jennifer Neo Chiew Lian
	Dr Kwa Chong Teck
	Dr Sae-Lim Varawan
	Dr Eu Oy Chu
	Dr Wong Soon May Adeline
	Dr Goh Sze Chern Anthony

⁵ Members of the Complaints Panel are appointed for a 2-year term and are eligible for re-appointment.

* Lay panel members

Dentists Act Committee

Chairman	Prof Chew Chong Lin
Members	Dr Yip Wing Kong
	A/Prof Jennifer Neo Chiew Lian
	Dr Eu Oy Chu
	Dr Go Wee Ser
	Dr Wong Soon May Adeline

Professional Communication Committee

Chairman	Dr Shahul Hameed
Members	Dr Wong Soon May Adeline
	Ms Yee Yoke Chun

Specialist Dental Register Committee

Chairman	Prof Chew Chong Lin
Members	A/Prof Yeo Jin Fei
	Dr Eu Oy Chu
	Dr Lim Kian Chong Gerald
	Dr Mimi Yow
	Dr Wong Soon May Adeline

Ethics Committee

Chairman	Dr Yip Wing Kong
Members	A/Prof Foong Weng Chiong Kelvin
	Dr Tham Hon Meng
	Dr Yeong Pong Shin Alan
	Dr Wong Soon May Adeline
	Ms Lim Jessie

Dentists Register & Practising Licenses

The Dentists Register has two divisions. Graduate dentists are listed in the First Division. Dentists without formal qualifications (grand-parented as dentists in the 1950s) and former dental therapists are listed in the Second Division. There are currently a total of 1,299 registered dentists in the dental register (Appendix I). Of these 1,222 are on the First Division and 77 on the Second Division.

First Division of the Dentists Register

As at 31st December 2004, the Register had 1,222 graduate dentists. During the year under review, there were 66 new registrations and 1 restoration. Thirty-four of them were graduates of the National University of Singapore, 23 had other degrees listed in the Schedule to the Dentists Act and 10 were temporary registrants (visiting experts and trainees at accepted institutions).

Twenty-eight graduate dentists were removed from the register during the year (Appendix III). Of these 28 dentists, 17 did not apply for their annual practising certificates, 4 had passed away and the temporary registration of 7 had lapsed.

The dentists to resident population ratio at 1:3310, has remained range-bound in the past few years.

The distribution of dentists registered in the First Division of the Dentists Register by employment sector is shown in Appendix IV. The majority of graduate dentists (802) were in private practice. Of the remaining, 232 were in the restructured hospitals, 24 in public service and 23 in the National University of Singapore. One hundred and forty-one dentists took out Annual Practising Certificates but reported that they were not in active practice. This is 20 more than the previous year.

There were 802 graduate dentists in private practice. This is an increase of 2 from the previous year. Of these, 57% were in group practices, 39% were in solo practices and 3.39% worked as locums.

There were 606 private dental clinics run by graduate dentists in 2004, a decrease of 11 from the previous year. The distribution of private dental clinics by postal sector is shown in Appendix V. The largest concentration of private dental clinics was found in postal districts 22, 23, 24, 52 and 53.

Second Division of the Dentists Register

As at 31 December 2004, there were 77 non-graduate dentists of which 48 were in private practice, 15 in the public service and 14 not in active practice. Amongst those in private practice, 34 were former dental therapists and 14 were practitioners without formal dental qualifications but were grand-parented as "registered dentist" when the Registration of Dentists Ordinance 1948 came into force.

There were 48 private dental clinics that were run by second division dentists. The largest concentration of these clinics were found in postal districts 53, 56, 65, 32, 16

Professional Conduct

Complaints Committees are appointed ad hoc to deliberate on complaints received by the Council. Provisions in the Dentists Act require Council to investigate all complaints that are accompanied by a statutory declaration.

Each Complaints Committee consists of a member of the Council (as Chairman of the Committee), two dentists who are not members of the Council and one layperson from the Complaints Panel.

The members of the Complaints Panel for 2004/2006 are:

Dentists	Dr Chung Kong Mun Dr Djeng Shih Kien Dr Dominic Leung Wing Hung Dr Li Chung Tai Trevor Dr Loh Fun Chee Dr Loh Kai Woh Ronald Dr Poon Choy Yoke Dr Lee Kim Chuan Lewis Dr Tham Hon Meng Dr Rajendram Sivagnanam Dr Lee Jee Mui Ms Lee Show Feai
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Lay Members	A/Prof Lye Lin Heng Irene A/Prof Tan Cheng Han Mr Chua Tian Huat Mr Eric Lim Yew Tou Mr Wee Leong How Ms Kon Mei Leen Mrs Noorhayati Kassim Quek
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The Council received a total of 36 complaints in 2004. Of these, 3 were accompanied by statutory declarations and were referred to the Complaints Committee for investigation. Two of these cases were dismissed by the Complaints Committees as the complaints did not amount to professional misconduct. One case was referred for disciplinary inquiry.

Financial Report

Council had retained the services of Questor Management Pte Ltd and Robert Tan & Co as our accounting consultant and auditor respectively for the year 2004. The audited financial statements for the period 1st April 2003 to 31 March 2004 are reproduced in the following pages.

Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2005

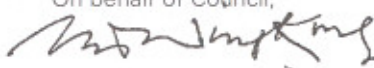
This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL as of the above date and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and results and cash flows of operations in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representation:

1. We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards including the appropriate disclosure of all information.
2. There have been no irregularities involving management or employees who have a significant role in the system of internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
3. We have made available to you all books of account and supporting documentation and all minutes of meetings of Council members and Council management from beginning of the year to the date of this letter.
4. The financial statements are free of material errors and omissions.
5. The Council has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There have been no communications concerning non-compliance with requirements of regulatory authorities with respect to financial matters.

6. The following have been properly recorded and, when appropriate, adequately disclosed in the financial statements:
 - (a) Assets pledged as collateral.
 - (b) All possible claims that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion.
7. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
8. The Council has no inventory at the balance sheet date.
9. All current assets are expected to realise, in the ordinary course of business, not less than the amounts at which they are included in the balance sheet.
10. The carrying value of the assets are not in excess of recoverable amounts. No provision for permanent impairment is necessary.
11. The Council has satisfactory title to all assets and no assets, which should have been included have been omitted.
12. We have recorded or disclosed all liabilities. There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.
13. Any expenditure included in the financial statements was properly made in connection with the carrying on of the activities of the Council.
14. There were no approved future capital expenditure.
15. There have been no events subsequent to the balance sheet date which require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements.

Yours faithfully
On behalf of Council,



DR YIP WING KONG
President

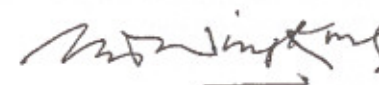


PROF CHEW CHONG LIN
Registrar

Singapore Dental Council Statement By Council's Management

In our opinion, the financial statements set out on pages 4 to 8 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Singapore Dental Council as at 31 March 2005 and of the results and cash flows of the Council for the year ended on that date.

On behalf of the Council,



DR YIP WING KONG
President



PROF. CHEW CHONG LIN
Registrar

5 July 2005

Auditors' report To The Members Of Singapore Dental Council

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Singapore Dental Council as set out on pages 15 to 19 for the year ended 31 March 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of The Dentists Act 1999 (the Act) and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Council as at 31 March 2005 and of the results and cash flows of the Council for the year ended on that date; and
- the accounting and other records, and the register required by the Act to be kept by the Council have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

RSM Robert Tan & Co.
Certified Public Accountants,
Singapore

5 July 2005

Singapore Dental Council

Statement Of Income And Expenditure For The Year Ended 31 March 2005

	Note	FY2004 \$	FY2003 \$
OPERATING INCOME			
Registration fee		14,800	11,600
Practising fee		236,366	229,918
Penalty fee		625	1,125
Restoration fee		600	200
Register of Additional Qualification		2,050	700
Certificate of Good Standing		1,680	1,080
Certified Copy of Certificate		150	100
Mailing label		660	718
Examination fee		-	2,000
Fines for non-vote		-	6,500
Miscellaneous income		-	1,221
Interest from fixed deposit		7,066	7,591
		<u>263,997</u>	<u>262,753</u>
Add: Gain on sale of equipment		15	-
		<u>264,012</u>	<u>262,753</u>
Deduct: OPERATING EXPENSES			
Accountancy fee		2,100	2,115
Advertisement		2,323	-
Audit fee		4,670	4,257
Bank charges		225	264
Ceremonies & celebrations		2,527	-
Depreciation		1,659	4,815
Examination fee		1,500	-
General expenses		1,370	346
Gifts & entertainment		-	779
Honorarium		1,550	2,300
Legal & professional fees		-	3,161
Maintenance of computers		150,233	134,392
Maintenance of premises		1,196	2,014
Medical fee		712	679
Office refreshments		908	474
Office supplies		6,189	10,665
Postage & courier		3,552	1,307
Printing		1,470	2,201
Provident fund contributions		17,879	8,594
Publications		-	45
Rental of premises		29,701	28,540
Salary		155,471	80,794
Staff welfare		77	-
Telecommunications		1,990	9,191
Transport & travelling		1,392	1,037
Utilities		1,752	1,148
		<u>390,446</u>	<u>299,118</u>
DEFICIT BEFORE GRANT		(126,434)	(36,365)
GOVERNMENT GRANT		130,026	188,664
		<u>3,592</u>	<u>152,299</u>
SURPLUS BEFORE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSOLIDATED FUND		3,592	152,299
CONTRIBUTION TO CONSOLIDATED FUND	4	(706)	(33,500)
		<u>2,886</u>	<u>118,799</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		2,886	118,799

The attached notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

Singapore Dental Council

Balance Sheet As At 31 March 2005

	Note	31 Mar 2005 \$	31 Mar 2004 \$
Assets			
Non-current asset			
Equipment	5	11,332	3,074
Current assets			
Prepayments & deposits	6	106,428	4,745
Interest receivable		5,143	5,101
Fixed deposits		820,016	813,036
Cash & bank balances		165,282	295,171
		1,096,869	1,118,053
Total assets		1,108,201	1,121,127
Fund And Liabilities			
Accumulated surplus			
Balance at beginning of year		909,285	790,486
Surplus for the year		2,886	118,799
Balance at end of year		912,171	909,285
Current liabilities			
Advance fees received		179,536	172,760
Accrued expenses		15,794	5,582
Provision for contribution to consolidated fund		700	33,500
		196,030	211,842
Total fund and liabilities		1,108,201	1,121,127

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Singapore Dental Council

Cash Flow Statement For The Year Ended 31 March 2005

	FY2004 \$	FY2003 \$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Deficit before grant	(126,434)	(36,365)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,659	4,815
Interest income	(7,066)	(7,591)
Gain on sale of equipment	(15)	-
Operating deficit before working capital changes	(131,856)	(39,141)
Increase in prepayment, deposit & interest receivable	(101,725)	(633)
Increase in advance fees received	6,776	4,998
Increase/(decrease) in accrued expenses	10,212	(4,595)
Cash used in operations	(216,593)	(39,371)
Less : Contribution to Consolidated Fund	(33,506)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	(250,099)	(39,371)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of office equipment	(9,917)	(4,611)
Interest income	7,066	7,591
Proceeds from sale of equipment	15	-
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(2,836)	(2,980)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Government grant received	130,026	188,664
Net cash from financing activities	130,026	188,664
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN FIXED DEPOSIT, CASH & BANK BALANCES	(122,909)	152,273
FIXED DEPOSIT, CASH & BANK BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,108,207	955,934
FIXED DEPOSIT, CASH & BANK BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	985,298	1,108,207

The attached notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

Singapore Dental Council

Notes To Financial Statements - 31 March 2005

1. General

The Council is established under The Dentists Act 1999 and the financial statements of the Council are expressed in Singapore dollars.

The principal activities of the Council are to regulate and promote the interests of dental practitioners in Singapore.

At 31 March 2005, the Council had 5 (2004: 4) employees.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements of the Council have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) *Income*

Income from practising fees, which are levied on dentists on a yearly basis, is recognised in the financial statements on the accrual basis. Other types of income are recognised on a cash basis.

(c) *Depreciation*

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Office equipment	- 8 years (Previously 3 years)
Computer equipment	- 3 years

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the financial statements until they are no longer in use.

During the year, there was a change in the useful life of office equipment from 5 to 8 years. For assets remaining as at 31 March 2005, the new depreciation rates have been used retrospectively from dates of purchase and assets previously expensed off have also been reinstated and computer equipment have also been categorised separately. These changes have no significant effect on the financial statements.

(d) *Grants*

Government operating grants are taken to the Statement of Income & Expenditure on the accrual basis.

3. Income Tax

The income of the Council is exempted from income tax under Section (13)(1)(e) of the Singapore Income Tax Act.

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4. Contribution To Consolidated Fund

This represents the contribution to be made to the Consolidated Fund in accordance with the Statutory Corporations (Contributions to Consolidated Fund) Act (Chapter 319A). The contribution is based on 20% of the net surplus of the Council.

5. Equipment

	Computer \$	Office equipment \$	Total \$
Cost			
At 1 April 2004	7,973	6,470	14,443
Additions	4,790	5,127	9,917
Disposals	-	(1,158)	(1,158)
At 31 March 2005	12,763	10,439	23,202
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 April 2004	5,989	5,380	11,369
Depreciation charge for the year	2,589	(930)	1,659
Disposals	-	(1,158)	(1,158)
At 31 March 2005	8,578	3,292	11,870
Depreciation charge for 2004	2,658	2,157	4,815
Net book value			
At 31 March 2005	4,185	7,147	11,332
At 31 March 2004	1,984	1,090	3,074

6. Prepayments & Deposits

	FY2004 \$	FY2003 \$
Prepayments	104,078	2,395
Deposits	2,350	2,350
	106,428	4,745

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7. Financial Risks And Management

(i) *Interest rate risk*

The Council's exposure to interest rate risk is minimal as it does not have significant interest-bearing borrowings and assets.

(ii) *Credit risk*

The Council has no significant credit risk as the main portion of its receivables is due from dental practitioners.

(iii) *Foreign exchange risk*

The Council has no exposure to foreign exchange risk from transactions denominated in foreign currencies.

(iv) *Liquidity risk*

The Council monitors and maintains sufficient working capital to fund its operations.

8. Fair Value Of Financial Assets And Liabilities

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximate their respective carrying amounts recorded in the financial statements.

9. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

Dentists Register 2004

Year	FIRST DIVISION	SECOND DIVISION		Total
	Graduate Dentists	Practitioners Without Formal Dental Training*	Former Dental Therapists**	
2000	1,028	35	55	1,118
2001	1,086	31	55	1,172
2002	1,135	31	55	1,221
2003	1,182	29	55	1,266
2004	1,222	22	55	1,299

* Practitioners without formal dental training but were grand-parented as "registered dentist" pursuant to section 5(e) of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance 1948.

** Includes 24 dental therapists grand-parented as Division II dentists on 15 October 1999 pursuant to section 65(4)(c) of the Dentists Act 1999. With this grand-parenting exercise, the provisional register, of dental therapists, was thereby closed.

Dentists By Qualifications

Qualifications	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Graduates with Singapore dental degree/ diploma – 14(1)(a)	875	908	941	972	995
Graduates with dental degrees listed in the Schedule of the Dentists Act -14(1)(b)	129	151	165	185	198
Graduates with degree not listed in the Schedule of the Dentists Act and are registered for teaching, research or postgraduate study – 14(1)(d)	19	17	16	14	17
Graduates with dental degrees not listed in the Schedule of the Dentists Act and are registered after passing the Dental Board Examination – 14(1)(c) – without condition	5	5	5	6	8
Graduate(s) with dental degree(s) not listed in the Schedule of the Dentists Act and are exempted from the Dental Board Examination, or given conditional registration – 14(1)(c) – with condition	16	5	8	5	4
Dentists without formal dental qualifications but were registered in 1950 – 65(4)(b)	35	31	31	29	22
Former dental therapists registered after passing the Dental Board Examination	55	55	55	55	55
Total	1,118	1,172	1,221	1,266	1,299

Dentists Removed From The Active Dentists Register

Year	Reason for Removal					Total	
	Died		Did not apply for Practising Certificate/ Migrated		Cessation of Temporary Registration		Disciplinary Action
	Graduate Dentists	Others	Graduate Dentists	Others	Graduate Dentists	Graduate Dentists	Others
2000	1	-	21	4	3	-	-
2001	2	2	33	-	2	-	-
2002	2	1	27	-	-	-	-
2003	-	2	9	16	4	-	-
2004	4	1	17	2	7	-	-

Graduate Dentists By Employment Sector

Year	Public Service	National University Of Singapore	Restructured Hospital	Private Practice	Not in Active Practice	Total
2000	18	26	149	757	78	1,028
2001	17	28	162	780	99	1,086
2002	19	26	196	784	110	1,135
2003	20	29	212	800	121	1,182
2004	24	23	232	802	141	1,222

Distribution Of Private Dental Clinics By Postal Sector

Postal Sector	Private Dental Clinics		Postal Sector	Private Dental Clinics	
	1st Division	2nd Division		1st Division	2nd Division
03xxxx	5	0	43xxxx	5	0
04xxxx	22	0	44xxxx	9	0
05xxxx	6	2	45xxxx	1	0
06xxxx	9	0	46xxxx	15	2
07xxxx	1	0	47xxxx	4	0
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