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To: All registered Dental Professionals

CHANGES TO BCLS REQUIREMENTS AND REMINDERS GOVERNING PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN SINGAPORE

I would like to draw your attention to the following governing the practice of dentistry in Singapore:

A. Latest changes

- (i) Compulsory BCLS (Theory) for Oral Health Therapists (OHTs) for renewal of Practising Certificate (PC)

For the renewal of PC for OHTs due at the end of 2016, all registered OHTs are required to meet the necessary Continuing Professional Education (CPE) points **and** submit a copy of a valid BCLS (Theory) certification.

A copy of the valid BCLS (Theory) should be submitted online under Category 1C (Certification). The attendance for BCLS (Theory) can be considered as a core CPE claim from 1 Jan 2016 onwards.

- (ii) Waiver of practical Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) for dental professionals who are 65 years old and above

Dentists and OHTs who are **65 years old and above** will not be required to pass the practical BCLS for renewal of Practising Certificate (PC) due in 2017.

They are however still required to pass the theoretical BCLS and submit the necessary Continuing Professional Education (CPE) points and settle any "failure to vote at Election" fines (if any) for the renewal of their PC.

- (iii) SingPass/CorpPass as default login

All professional boards will be adopting the SingPass/CorpPass as authentication for accessing the Professional Registration System (PRS) in 2016. Please note that the use of the DCR Number for accessing PRS will be decommissioned from 1 Apr 2016.

B. Other reminders

- (i) Mandatory supervision of dentists under Conditional Registration and OHTs under Part 2 of register

Please be reminded that, as per sections 14A(4) and 21A(4) of the Dental Registration Act, dentists registered under Conditional Registration and OHTs under Part II of the register of OHTs are required to work under supervision of a fully registered dentist in a particular employment approved by the Council.

- (ii) Maximum of TWO(2) registered practice addresses during Conditional Registration

With effect from 1 Nov 2015, Conditional Registrants are only allowed to work in a maximum of two practice addresses when under Conditional Registration. This is to ensure patient safety and proper supervision of all conditional registered dentists, including those working in group practices.

- (iii) Update of Residential/Practice Address and Email address

As per section 13(4) of the Dental Registration Act, all dental professionals are reminded to update their residential/practice or email address with the Council, online via PRS, as soon as possible so that urgent information can be conveyed promptly.

Dental professionals are advised to refer to the "Announcements" found in SDC's webpage (at <http://www.sdc.gov.sg>) for any updates on the practice of dentistry in Singapore.

Yours sincerely,

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