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TO: ALL REGISTERED DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER ON UPDATING OF PARTICULARS AND COMPLIANCE WITH SDC SUPERVISORY REQUIREMENTS

The Singapore Dental Council (Council) would like to draw your attention to the following requirements and conditions that all dental practitioners must comply with.

I. Timely Update of Particulars: Place(s) of Practice, Residential Address and Contact Details

2 Pursuant to sections 13(4)¹ and 13(7)² of the Dental Registration Act 1999 (DRA), registered dental practitioners must inform Council and **update any change in primary / secondary places of practice and residential address.**

3 This would encompass **all** practice addresses [primary and secondary places] that the dental practitioner practises in. Any change in practice place(s) must be updated within 28 days thereof the change.

4 Dental practitioners must also **update their preferred email address(es) and contact number(s)** so that they can readily receive important information from Council.

¹ Section 13(4). — Every person whose name is entered in any of the registers shall inform the Registrar in writing of any change in his practice address or residential address within 28 days thereof, except that a person who makes a report of a change in his residential address under section 8 of the National Registration Act (Cap. 201) shall be deemed to have complied with this subsection on the date on which he makes the report.

² Section 13(7). — Any person who fails to comply with subsection (4) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

II. Supervisory Requirements of Conditionally Registered Dentists (C-Reg Dentists) and Oral Health Therapists (OHTs) under Part II of the OHT Register

5 Pursuant to sections 14A(4)³ and 21(4)⁴ of the DRA, all C-reg dentists and OHTs under Part II of the OHT Register are required to work in the same practice place(s) under supervision of fully registered dentists approved by Council. C-reg dentists and OHTs under Part II of the OHT Register can only commence dentistry practices after Council's approval has been given. The letter of approval will be issued to the C-reg dentists and OHTs under Part II of the OHT Register and copied to the supervisors and employer(s).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



MR PETER LEE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

³ 14A. — (4) Without affecting the power of the Council to impose conditions, the direction may specify —

- (a) that the person must work for a specified period under the supervision of a fully registered dentist approved by the Council; and
- (b) the particular employment or the descriptions of employment for the purposes of which the person is registered under this section.

⁴ 21(2). — Subject to the provisions of this Act, the following persons may apply to the Council to be registered as an oral health therapist under Part II of the Register of Oral Health Therapists:

- (a) a person who holds a diploma in dental hygiene and therapy from the Nanyang Polytechnic or any other certificate or diploma which, in the opinion of the Council, is of an equivalent standard and that has been awarded for successfully completing a course of dental training extending over a period of at least 3 years;
- (b) a person who holds a certificate of dental therapy from the Ministry of Health or the Board or any other certificate or diploma which, in the opinion of the Council, is of an equivalent standard and that has been awarded for successfully completing a course of dental training extending over a period of at least 3 years;
- (c) a person who holds a qualification in dental hygiene that is approved by the Council.

(3) The registration of any person mentioned in subsection (1) or (2) may be subject to such conditions as the Council may determine.

(4) It is a condition of the registration of any person mentioned in subsection (2) that he or she may only practise dentistry under the supervision of a registered dentist whose name appears in the first division of the Register of Dentists.