

# SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

c/o Secretariat of healthcare Professional Boards (SPB)  
81 Kim Keat Road #10-00 Singapore 328836  
Email: SDC@spb.gov.sg  
Website: <https://www.sdc.gov.sg>

---

SDC Circular No. 3/2023

Ref: SDC 8:4

14 August 2023

TO: REGISTERED DENTISTS

## RENEWAL OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (PC) FOR PERIOD 2024 TO 2025

Pursuant to Section 29(1)<sup>1</sup> of the DENTAL REGISTRATION ACT 1999 [DRA], all registered dentists are required to hold a valid PC before they are allowed to practise dentistry in Singapore.

2 The Singapore Dental Council (Council) would like to remind you that your current PC is due to expire on 31 December 2023. As per section 17(5)<sup>2</sup> of the DRA 1999, you are required to apply for renewal of PC not later than one month before expiration.

3 Before you apply for renewal of PC via the Professional Registration System (PRS) at <http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/sdc>, do take note of the following:

### I. UPDATE OF PRACTICE OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Pursuant to sections 13(4)<sup>3</sup> and 13(7)<sup>4</sup> of the DRA 1999, you must inform Council and update any change in primary/ secondary places of practice and residential address. You must also update your email and contact number(s) so that you will be able to receive important information from Council readily.

---

#### Prohibition of practice of dentistry

<sup>1</sup> DRA s29. — (1) Subject to sections 73 and 74, a person must not practise dentistry in Singapore unless the person is a registered dentist and has in force a practising certificate.

#### Practising certificate

<sup>2</sup> DRA s17. — (5) Any registered dentist who applies for a practising certificate later than one month before the expiry of the practising certificate is liable to pay to the Council such late application fee as may be prescribed by the Council.

#### Registers

<sup>3</sup> Section 13(4) Every person whose name is entered in any of the registers must inform the Registrar in writing of any change in his or her practice address or residential address within 28 days of the change, except that a person who makes a report of a change in his or her residential address under section 10 of the National Registration Act 1965 is deemed to have complied with this subsection on the date on which the person makes the report.

<sup>4</sup> 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. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) AND BASIC CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT CERTIFICATE (BCLS) REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the THIRD SCHEDULE of the DENTAL REGISTRATION REGULATIONS (Cap 76) [DRR], you must ensure that you have attained the **requisite CPE points before 30 September 2023.**

You must also submit a copy of your **valid BCLS (Theory) certificate before 30 September 2023 via PRS,** under “Submit CPE Claims” -> Category 1C -> Certification, attach BCLS certificate or front and back of BCLS card. Dentists are only required to fulfill BCLS (Theory) for PC renewal in 2023<sup>5</sup>.

**III. OUTSTANDING FINES**

Ensure all “outstanding fines” due to Council are fully paid up prior to your PC renewal application.

**IV. ONLINE RENEWAL OF PRACTISING CERTIFICATE**

The PC renewal exercise will **commence from 1 October 2023 at 0000 hrs and close on 31 December 2023 at 2359 hrs.**

You may proceed to apply for PC renewal via PRS **from 1 October 2023** if you have fulfilled the requisite CPE and BCLS (Theory) requirements. Please refer to Annex A for the step-by-step instructions on “Renewal of PC”.

Council has launched the electronic Practising Certificate (e-PC) to replace hardcopy PC. You may view and download your e-PC under “Administration” -> “View Certificates” **from 1 January 2024,** please refer to Annex A (Step 7).

For dentists who are on GIRO or Employer Paying On Behalf (EPOB) scheme, please refer to Paragraph VI (iii/ iv) for the deadline to submit your PC renewal application.

**V. PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL FEE**

The application fee for a two-year PC (valid from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025) is **\$600.00**<sup>6</sup>. Please note that:

- i. A **late application fee of \$75** will be imposed if application is **not received by 30 November 2023**<sup>7</sup>, and
- ii. A **late application fee of \$200** will be imposed if application is **not received by 31 December 2023, i.e. after the expiry of the practising certificate**<sup>8</sup>.

No appeal for waiver of late application fee will be considered.

---

<sup>5</sup> In view of the COVID-19 situation, Council has extended the special consideration to allow all dentists to only fulfil the BCLS (Theory) component for PC renewal in 2023 (SDC Circular 2/2022, dated 7 April 2022).

<sup>6</sup> Dental Registration Regulations 15F

<sup>7</sup> Dental Registration Regulations 15G(1)(a)

<sup>8</sup> Dental Registration Regulations 15G(1)(b)

## VI. MODE OF PAYMENT

### i. CESSATION OF CASH AND CHEQUE COLLECTION

Council has stopped collecting cash and cheque payment for PC renewal.

### ii. DIGITAL - PAYMENT

You will be automatically prompted to make e-payment (credit/ debit card) during the online application unless you have an existing GIRO arrangement with Council. **To support the Digital Government initiative, Council would like to encourage all dentists who are on GIRO to switch to e-payment for a more efficient and hassle-free payment with immediate confirmatory process and experience.** Please email [SDC@spb.gov.sg](mailto:SDC@spb.gov.sg) with the subject header “**I would like to switch to e-payment**” and indicate your **full name and DCR number** in the email **by 10 September 2023**. You will receive a confirmatory note of your successful switch in approximately 3 working days.

### iii. PAYMENT BY GIRO

If you are continuing with GIRO, you must submit your PC renewal application online **by 20 October 2023**. Please note that the Payment page will not be available, and you will be directed to the Acknowledgement page after you have confirmed the declarations. Please ensure that there are sufficient funds in your bank account for timely deduction.

### iv. EMPLOYER PAYING ON BEHALF (EPOB)

If your employer is paying your PC renewal fee on your behalf, you are required to submit your PC renewal application online **by 31 October 2023**. Please note that the Payment page will not be available, and you will be directed to the Acknowledgement page after you have confirmed the declarations.

4 We look forward to receiving your early renewal of PC.

Thank you.

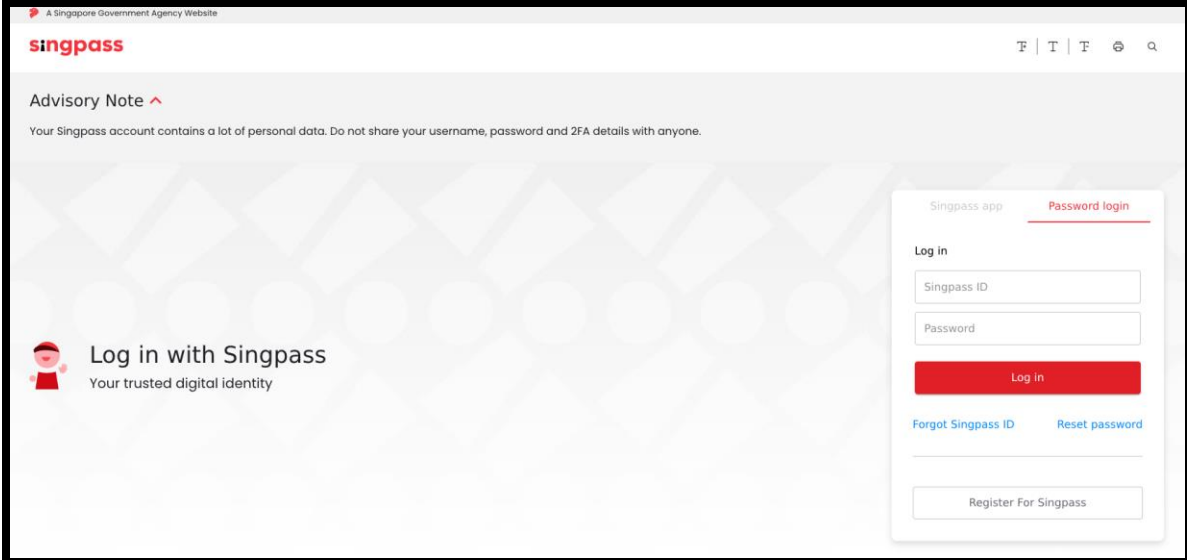
Yours sincerely,



MR PETER LEE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL

**Instructions: Renewal of PC via Professional Registration System (PRS)**

**Step 1:** Login to your PRS account via Singpass at <http://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/sdc> under “Login Registered Users”.



A Singapore Government Agency Website

**singpass**

Advisory Note ^

Your Singpass account contains a lot of personal data. Do not share your username, password and 2FA details with anyone.

Log in with Singpass  
Your trusted digital identity

Singpass app Password login

Log in

Singpass ID

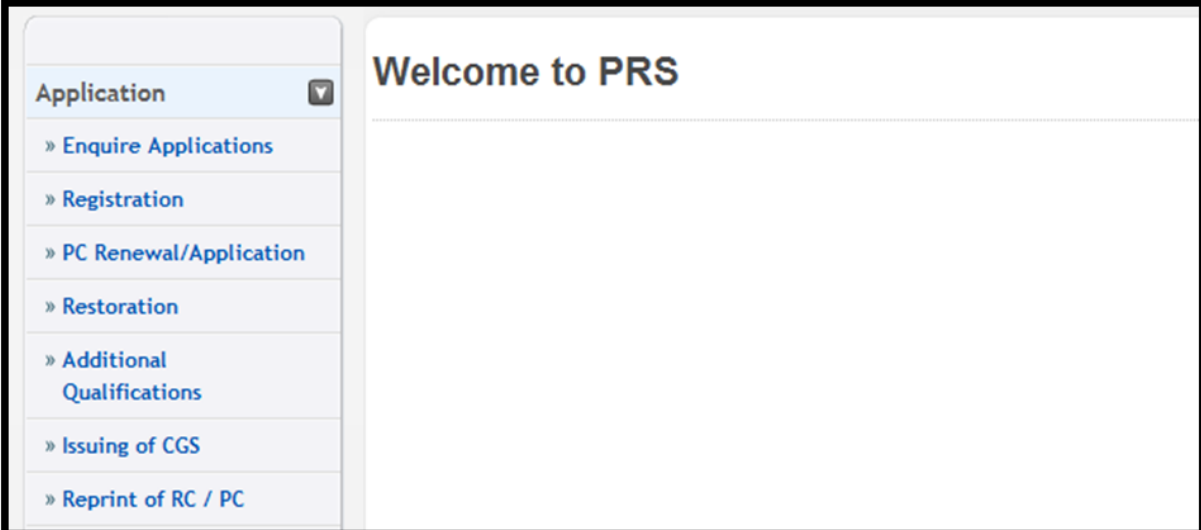
Password

Log in

Forgot Singpass ID Reset password

Register For Singpass

**Step 2:** Upon successful login to your PRS account, click on Application → “PC Renewal”.



Application

- » Enquire Applications
- » Registration
- » PC Renewal/Application
- » Restoration
- » Additional Qualifications
- » Issuing of CGS
- » Reprint of RC / PC

Welcome to PRS

### Step 3: Check your particulars.

Please note:

- If your particulars are incorrect, please proceed to Administration – “Update Particulars” to submit an application for “Update Particulars”. Please note that your updates will not be reflected immediately. **You may proceed with the “PC Renewal” application as long as you have submitted an application for “Update Particulars”.**
- If your particulars are correct, please click “Proceed”.

The screenshot shows the 'PC Renewal/Application - Update Particulars' form. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with options like Registration, Accreditation, Specialist / FP Registration, PC Renewal/Application, Restoration, Additional Qualifications, Issuing of CGS, Reprint of RC / PC, Administration, Supervisory, and CPE. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: PC Renewal/Application - Update Particulars > Form > Declarations > Confirmation > Payment > Acknowledgement. The form title is 'PC Renewal/Application'. Below the title, there is a link: 'Click [here](#) for important Instructions for applying renewal online.' The 'PC Renewal/Application Details' section includes a table for 'Current PC Type' (Practising Certificate Fee for 2 years) and 'Renewal Criteria' (CPE) with a 'Status' (Met Requirement). The 'Personal Particulars' section includes fields for Identification Type (NRIC), Identification No., Full Name as shown in NRIC/FIN/Passport, Salutation, Surname / Family Name, and Preferred Order of Name.

### Step 4: Select Full-Fee (2-Year PC), click “Renew”.

Please note:

- Uploading of document is not mandatory, you may disregard the “Upload Mandatory Documents” Section.

The screenshot shows the 'PC Renewal/Application - Form' section of the form. The breadcrumb trail is: PC Renewal/Application - Update Particulars > Form > Declarations > Confirmation > Payment > Acknowledgement. The form title is 'PC Renewal/Application'. Below the title, there is a section for 'PC Renewal/Application Details' with a table for '\*PC Type' (Practising Certificate Fee for 2 years). Below this is a table with columns: S/N, Practising Certificate, Expiry Date, Payment Due Date, and \*Renew?. The table contains one row with S/N 1 and a checked box for \*Renew?. Below the table, there is a 'Note:' section with two bullet points: 'File must be in JPEG(.jpg or .jpeg), PDF (.pdf).', and 'Each file size must not exceed 3MB'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Additional Documents'.

**Step 5:** Continue to fill up the Declaration Form online, click “Proceed”.

Please note:

- There may be slight changes to the declaration questions. The questions which are reflected during your PC renewal application will be deemed as the most updated.

PC Renewal/Application - Update Particulars Form **Declarations** Confirmation Payment Acknowledgement

### PC Renewal/Application

Note: All fields are mandatory.

#### Declarations by Applicant

Please answer all questions. If you have answered “Yes” to any of the questions, please provide full details in a separate document and upload supporting documents at the “Documents” tab, where applicable.

1 Have you been:  
a) convicted by any court of law whether in Singapore or elsewhere, of any offences?  
 No  Yes  
b) the subject of adverse finding(s) in proceedings before any professional body or tribunal whether in Singapore or elsewhere\*?  
  
\*excluding adverse finding(s) under the Dental Registration Act of Singapore which SDC is already aware of  
 No  Yes

2 Are you currently the subject of any proceedings, inquiry or investigation, by any authority/institution (including educational institution\*), professional or regulatory body, licensing or health authority, the police, or any other law enforcement agency, in Singapore or elsewhere (but excludes proceedings, inquiry or investigation under the Dental Registration Act of Singapore, which SDC is already aware of), the subject matter of which may give rise to concerns relating to professional misconduct, your professionalism and/or your behaviour which may affect your suitability and fitness to practise in the profession.  
  
\*examples of concerns that could arise during your education include cheating, plagiarism, theft, falsifying documents, reports or records, assault, harassment and drug or sexual offences.  
 No  Yes

3 Are you currently the subject of an inquiry or proceedings by a professional body, Health Authority or court of law in Singapore or elsewhere (excluding such inquiry or proceedings under the Dental Registration Act of Singapore, which SDC is already aware of), involving or relating to any physical or mental illness suffered by you?  
 No  Yes

4 Are you suffering from any physical or mental illness or any other condition which may impair your fitness to practise as a dentist/oral health therapist?  
 No  Yes

5 If you are performing Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP) (Annexes), it is MOH's policy that you should know your BBD status due to the risk of transmission during such procedures. All healthcare workers who have been diagnosed with BBD should declare their status to their respective Professional Boards/ Councils. Healthcare workers with BBD should not perform EPP.  
a) Are you practising any exposure prone procedures (EPP)?  
 No  Yes  
b) Are you aware that you are a carrier of any blood-borne diseases (BBD) such as Hep B, Hep C or HIV?  
*(Please select “Yes” only if you are carrier of BBD)*  
 No  Yes

I declare that the particulars stated in this application and the documents attached are true, correct and complete and the information contained herein remains true, correct and complete to date. I undertake to inform SDC of any data discrepancy (e.g. inaccurate/outdated data) and I am aware that I may be asked to provide more information to the SDC, if necessary. I am aware that the SDC may refuse to grant me a new PC and that I may be liable to be prosecuted under section 27(a) of the Dental Registration Act (DRA) for knowingly making any false or fraudulent declaration or representation, whether in writing or otherwise to the SDC.

I acknowledge that the SDC reserves all rights to receive, collect and/or transmit the above personal data to other authorities or agencies if required to do so for the purpose of carrying out its duties under the DRA and/or for compliance with any other Acts and subsidiary legislations. I also acknowledge that SDC is not liable for any damage or loss caused to me in the course of my using the Professional Registration System (PRS) due to data errors in the personal data I provide. The personal data collected will be kept in the strictest confidence and access restricted only to authorised persons. To safeguard all personal data, all electronic storage and transmission of personal data are secured through appropriate security technology.

Save as Draft Proceed

**Step 6:** Proceed to make payment online.

Please note:

- Payment will not be prompted if you are under GIRO or EPOB.
- Cash and cheque payment will not be accepted.

You will receive an automated email from PRS if you have submitted your PC renewal application successfully. **Please take note of your application number for future references.**

**Step 7:** View and download your e-PC.

The Singapore Dental Council has launched the electronic Practising Certificate (e-PC) to replace hardcopy PC.

You may view and download your e-PC under “Administration” -> “View Certificates” **from 1 January 2024.**

**View Certificates**

*Please note that only e-Certificates issued will be listed and only valid practising certificates can be viewed.*

**Current Registration**

Register	Reg Type	Reg Period	PC Period
			01/01/2022 - 31/12/2023

**Past Registration**

Register	Reg Type

Click on hyperlink to view/ download e-Certs

**Past PC**

Register	Reg Type	PC Period