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TO: ALL REGISTERED DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

UPDATES ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) AND BASIC CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT (BCLS) REQUIREMENTS

In April 2020, the Singapore Dental Council (Council) granted special considerations to allow dental practitioners to fulfil their Practising Certificate (PC) renewal requirements for their previous Qualifying Period (QP) via online platforms. Table 1 shows the special considerations granted by Council (SDC Circular No. 5/2020, dated 7 April 2020).

Table 1. Special Considerations Granted for Dental Practitioners (Dentist previous QP 01/10/2019 – 30/09/2021 & OHT previous QP 01/10/2018 – 30/09/2020)

| Special Considerations | Dentists | Oral Health Therapists (OHTs) |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Increase of cap for Category 3A (self-study) | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points |
| Increase of cap for Category 3B (distance learning) | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points |
| One-off exemption from BCLS (practical) | All dentists exempted from BCLS (practical) ¹ | N.A. ² |

2 Council has reviewed the COVID-19 situation and decided to extend the special considerations for another QP. Please note the following updates in Table 2, which will apply to the current Dentist QP (i.e., 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2023) for the Dentists' PC renewal exercise in October 2023, and the current OHT QP (i.e., 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2022) for the OHTs' PC renewal exercise in October 2022.

¹ Fulfillment of BCLS (practical & theory) is a mandatory requirement for renewal of Dentist PC biennially. Dentists who are 60 years old and above are only required to fulfil BCLS (theory).

² Fulfillment of BCLS (theory) is a mandatory requirement for renewal of OHT PC biennially. BCLS (practical) is optional for OHTs.

Table 2. UPDATES – Special Considerations Granted for Dental Practitioners (EXTENDED for another QP, i.e., Dentist current QP 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2023 & OHT current QP 01/10/2020 – 30/09/2022)

| Special Considerations | Dentists | Oral Health Therapists (OHTs) | Extended for another QP (Dentists & OHTs) |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Increase of cap for Category 3A (self-study) | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points |
| Increase of cap for Category 3B (distance learning) | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points | From 20 points to 40 points |
| One-off exemption from BCLS (practical) | All dentists exempted from BCLS (practical) | N.A. | All dentists exempted from BCLS (practical) |

3 Council has also revised the BCLS requirement for dentists. Currently, dentists who are 60 years old and above are only required to fulfil BCLS (theory). The revised BCLS requirement is shown in Table 3 and will take effect from the current Dentist QP (i.e., 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2023).

Table 3. UPDATES – BCLS Requirement for Dentists (REVISED)

| BCLS Requirement | Points | Age Group | Age Group (Revised) |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
| BCLS (practical & theory) | 6 core points | Dentists below 60 years old | Dentists below 55 years old |
| BCLS (theory) <i>[exempted from BCLS (practical)]</i> | 4 core points | Dentists 60 years old & above | Dentists 55 years old & above <i>[6 points will be accorded if full BCLS (theory and practical) is completed]</i> |

4 Dentists who are below 55 years old but require exemption from BCLS (practical) due to medical reasons must still seek prior approval from Council³. Please note that exemption is not required for the current Dentist QP (i.e., 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2023) as all dentists are given special exemption from BCLS (practical). Please refer to Paragraph 2 and Table 2.

5 The list of BCLS providers can be found on the Singapore Resuscitation and First Aid Council (SRFAC) website, <http://srfac.sg>. The BCLS certification should be submitted via the Professional Registration System (PRS) under,

- “Submit CPE Claims” -> Category 1C -> Certification.

6 Finally, Council would like to urge all dental practitioners to continue to make full use of the online platform and local CPE events to fulfil their CPE points requirement and continue to stay updated on the latest dentistry management and practices.

³ Please write in to SDC@spb.gov.sg to request for exemption and attach your doctor’s memo, stating your name, condition, and advice for exemption. Requests for exemption will be assessed and granted by Council on a case-by-case basis.

7 If you have further enquiries, please contact Council at SDC@spb.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chng Chai Kiat', written in a cursive style.

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