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To: All registered Dental Professionals

SINGAPORE DENTAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND SOME CHANGES GOVERNING PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN SINGAPORE

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

(A) Dental Council Elections 2018

The terms of office for the incumbent members of the Singapore Dental Council will expire at the end of April 2018.

All registered dentists as per section 5¹ of Dental Registration Act are required to participate in the forthcoming elections.

Please note that voting is compulsory and only online voting will be available.

Please ensure that you have updated your residential/practice/email address for information on the details of voting.

(B) <u>Changes to supervisory requirements of OHTs under Part 2 of the OHT register</u> working in private clinics

Please be reminded that, as per section 21A(4) of the Dental Registration Act, OHTs under Part 2 of the register of OHTs are required to work under supervision of a fully registered dentist in a particular employment approved by the Council.

(2) Where a fully registered dentist whose name appears in the first division of the Register of Dentists is required to vote for the election of the members of the Council under subsection (1) and fails to do so, he shall not be entitled to apply for a practising certificate unless he —

¹ Compulsory voting

^{5. —(1)} Every fully registered dentist whose name appears in the first division of the Register of Dentists and who —

⁽a) is resident in Singapore; and

⁽b) has in force a practising certificate on the day of election of candidates as members of the Council referred to in section 3(2)(f),

shall vote for the election of such members at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed.

⁽a) satisfies the Registrar that he had a good and sufficient reason for not voting at the election; or (b) pays to the Council a penalty as prescribed by the Council.

With effect from **1 Mar 2018**, employers of <u>OHT(s) under Part 2 of the register</u> in the <u>private clinics</u> are required to:

- (a) nominate **two supervisors** (namely 1 principal and 1 secondary) for each OHT and
- (b) assign the OHT(s) to work in a **maximum of 2 practice addresses** only.

(C) Update of Residential/Practice Address and Email address

As per section $13(4)^2$ 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.

Yours sincerely,

Clin A/Prof Patrick Tseng Registrar

(This is a computer-generated notice which requires no signature)

² Registers

^{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.