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To: Employers and Dentists under Temporary Registration

### CONDITIONS FOR DENTISTS UNDER TEMPORARY REGISTRATION

A briefing was held on 28 Oct 2015 informing dentists under Temporary Registration that they are not allowed to stay on the register indefinitely as their registration is not based on a recognised basic dental qualification.

Your attention is drawn to section 14B in the Dental Registration Act which states:

#### Temporary registration

**14B.** —(1) *Subject to the provisions of this Act, any person who has a degree other than a Singapore degree and —*

*(a) who is in Singapore **for the purpose of teaching, research or postgraduate study** in dentistry under such training scheme as may be approved by the Council for that purpose;*

*(b) who **possesses dental knowledge, experience and skill which the Council considers to be of international standing or are such as to have special value** to the people of Singapore; or*

*(c) who is not otherwise entitled to be registered as a dentist under this Act but who, **in the opinion of the Council, possesses other qualifications which are adequate** for the purposes of registration under this Act, may be registered temporarily in such dental capacity and for such period as the Council may specify.*

Temporary Registration shall only be granted for a period not exceeding 3 years and may be renewed at the discretion of the Council for such further periods as the Council deems fit.

Dentists under Temporary Registration are therefore encouraged to apply to sit for the Qualifying Examination (QE) as their registrations will cease immediately when the purpose of work/study is no longer applicable.

Upon passing the QE, a dentist will be able to apply to be registered under Conditional Registration.

Please be reminded that all employers have signed an undertaking to ensure that the temporary registrant(s) employed will comply with the requirements of his/her temporary registration.

For temporary registrants who are working in institutions, employers must ensure that their work adheres to the following guidelines:

Research work	70% research and 30% others
Teaching work	60% teaching and 40% others

Any deviation from these guidelines will breach the conditions under Temporary Registration and will lead to revocation of their registrations.

For more information on Temporary Registration, please refer to <http://www.sdc.gov.sg> .

Yours sincerely,

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Registrar

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