

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH0555

FACTS

In October 2005 the College was alerted that an individual may have practiced dental hygiene while not registered with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia. After being contacted by the Registrar, the individual admitted failure to renew registration during the annual renewal period and providing dental hygiene services over several months while not registered. Following application by the individual, registration was granted.

On October 19, 2005 the College's Inquiry Committee resolved, on its own motion, to investigate the registrant for a violation of sections 3 and 5(a) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation by practicing dental hygiene when not registered with the College. The registrant was advised of the investigation and asked to provide reasons for violating the Dental Hygienists Regulation.

The Registrant informed the Inquiry Committee that, following residential relocation, the registrant had failed to provide the College with notification of change of address. The annual registration renewal mailing mailed by the College in January of the same year had therefore not reached the registrant who, as a result, neglected to renew registration.

COMMITTEE DECISION

After investigating the situation, the Committee resolved, under section 36(1)(c) of the *Health Professions Act*, to request that the registrant consent to a reprimand. As the registrant complied with the request, the committee resolved that the matter be closed.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: Dental Hygienists Regulation 3, 5(a); CDHBC Bylaw Part IV, 49; Act 21(2)

STATUS: *Closed*

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: *Health Professions Act, s. 33, 36(1)(c)*