

## INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

**FILE NAME: DH1072**

### **FACTS**

An individual who had been a registrant of the College failed to renew registration before March 1, 2008 and did not apply for reinstatement to the register within sixty days following expiry of registration; the registrant was therefore removed from the College register.

In January 2010, CDHBC staff learned that the former registrant had provided dental hygiene services to clients between March 2008 and January 2012 while not a registrant of the College.

The former registrant was contacted by the CDHBC Registrar and was instructed to cease practicing immediately. The former registrant subsequently applied for registration which was granted.

Having practiced dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College, the individual had been in contravention of sections 3 and 5(a) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulation* and section 47(1) of the CDHBC bylaws and was therefore investigated by the committee, on its own motion, in accordance with section 33(4)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

In response to the investigation, the registrant informed the Inquiry Committee that when moving to a new residence in April 2007, the registrant had mailed the new address to the CDHBC office, but the data was not updated and as a result, CDHBC 2008/2009 registration renewal notice was mailed to the registrant's former address and was not received by the registrant. In addition, the registrant stated that when renewing membership and making payment to the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA), the registrant mistakenly thought that the fee also included registration renewal with a provincial regulatory body.

### **COMMITTEE DECISION**

The Committee determined that CDHBC bylaws sections 47(1)(Registration Renewal) and 49 (Notification of Change of Registration Information) had been violated and, having practiced dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College, the individual had been in contravention of section 3 and 5(a) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulation*.

As set out in section 36(1)(a) and 36(1)(d) of the *Health Professions Act*, the registrant was requested to undertake not to repeat the actions of practicing dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia, to review the CDHBC Registrant's Handbook, to complete the Regulation Assessment and to ensure the College is informed of current contact information. The registrant complied with the committee's request and the committee resolved to close the case.

---

**RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS:** *Act, section 33; 33(5); 32(2); 36(1)(a)*

**STATUS:** *Closed*

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** *Health Professions Act s 32; 33; 36*