

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1074

FACTS

An individual who had been a registrant of the College failed to renew registration before March 1, 2010 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 May 2010 CDHBC staff learned that the former registrant had continued to provide dental hygiene services to clients between March 1, 2010 and May 2010 while not a registrant of the College.

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 Inquiry 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 the registrant believed that registration had been renewed at the same time as registering with the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) and the registrant felt certain that s/he had provided the CDHBC with change of address. The registrant explained that providing dental hygiene services while not registered with the CDHBC was unintentional.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Committee determined that CDHBC bylaws section 47(1) had been violated and, 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*.

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: CDHBC Bylaws s. 47; Act, s. 33(4)(a); 33(5); 36(1)(a); 36(1)(d) Dental Hygienist Regulation 3 and 5(a)

STATUS: *Closed*

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