

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1183

FACTS

An individual who had been a registrant of the College failed to renew registration before March 1, 2011.

College staff learned that the individual may have provided dental hygiene services to the public after March 1, 2011 and prior to reinstatement to the Register on March 28, 2011. The matter was therefore investigated by the Inquiry Committee, on its own motion, in accordance with section 33(4)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*, in order to determine whether the individual had been in contravention of section 3 and 5(a) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulation* and section 47(1) of the CDHBC bylaws.

College staff contacted the individual regarding the matter and the individual subsequently applied for reinstatement to the register, which was granted.

In response to the investigation, the reinstated registrant informed the Inquiry Committee that an attempt to renew registration online had failed due to the fact that s/he wanted to change registration category and had not yet obtained and provided proof of insurance. The registrant then forgot to follow-up and subsequently provided dental hygiene services to the public while not a registrant.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Committee determined that CDHBC bylaws section 47(1) (Registration Renewal) 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, and to complete the Regulation Assessment. The registrant complied with the request and the Committee resolved to close the case.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: Dental Hygienists Regulation 3, 5(a); CDHBC Bylaw s. 47; Act 33(4)(a); 33(5); 36(1)(a); 36(1)(d)

STATUS: *Closed*

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: *Health Professions Act, s. 33, 36*