

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1184

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 had provided dental hygiene services to the public between March 1, 2011 and March 25, 2011 while not a registrant of the College. College staff instructed the individual to cease practicing immediately. The former registrant subsequently applied for reinstatement to the register, which was granted by the Board effective April 4, 2011.

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 individual informed the Committee that s/he had failed to renew registration on time as s/he had moved residence and had forgotten to inform the College and therefore did not receive a registration renewal reminder in the mail. The registrant also stated that s/he was a new graduate of dental hygiene and this was the first time for registration renewal. Also s/he had not received a reminder from a co-worker or by mail and therefore “completely forgot.”

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 to sign an Undertaking 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