

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1300

FACTS

On March 8, 2013, a Registrant called the College to request a change in her practice status from non-practicing to full practicing as soon as possible. When asked when she was going back to work, she admitted she had already gone back to work at the beginning of the week (March 4, 2013).

On April 8, 2013, the CDHBC Inquiry Committee initiated an investigation under s. 33(4)(a) of the Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183 (the “Act”) to determine whether the Registrant had engaged in the authorized practice of dental hygiene without registration contrary to s. 13 of the Act, ss. 3 and 5(a) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation and ss. 47(1) and 49 of the College bylaws.

Under direction of the Inquiry Committee, the CDHBC Registrar notified the Registrant of the investigation and requested the registrant’s response to the investigation, in accordance with s. 33(5) of the Act.

The Registrant provided a written response, explaining that she had renewed her registration prior to the end of the renewal period. In the previous year, the Registrant had renewed as non-practicing while on maternity leave. The Registrant renewed using her smartphone while on vacation and inadvertently renewed as non-practicing and not full practicing.

COMMITTEE DECISION

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Inquiry Committee determined that the evidence established that the Registrant had engaged in unauthorized practice without registration contrary to s. 13 of the Act, ss. 3 and 5(a) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation and ss. 47(1) and 49 of the College bylaws for the period March 1, 2013 until March 8, 2013.

The Inquiry Committee determined, and the Registrant agreed, that in accordance with section 33(6)(a) of the *Health Professions Act* to take no further action on matter DH1300 other than to request the Registrant to voluntarily sign an undertaking not to repeat the conduct of engaging in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene without full registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (the “College”), and to review and thoroughly familiarize herself with requirements set out in the CDHBC Registrant’s Handbook.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: *Act, section 33(4); 33(5); 33(6)(a)(b),(c) and (d)*

STATUS: Closed

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