

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISION**

File Reference: DH1480

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On May 8, 2014, the College was made aware that a Registrant had practiced dental hygiene between March 1, 2014 and May 2, 2014 while (s)he was not a Full Practicing registrant of the College.

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 unauthorized 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) of the College bylaws.

On June 9, 2014, 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 (s)he had failed to renew his/her professional negligence insurance on time, and that the oversight occurred as the reminder emails sent out by the College had inadvertently ended up in his/her junk mail folder.

COMMITTEE DECISION

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Inquiry Committee determined that the evidence established that the Registrant had failed to renew his/her license with the College prior to its expiration on February 28, 2014 and continued to practice dental hygiene in an unauthorized manner.

In accordance with section 36 of the *Health Professions Act*, the Inquiry Committee and the Registrant agree that the appropriate remedial action is a consent order pursuant to ss. 36(1)(a) and (d) of the Act requiring the Registrant to undertake not to repeat the conduct of engaging in unauthorized practice of dental hygiene by failing to have valid registration in place with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia, to review and thoroughly familiarize him/herself with requirements set out in the CDBHC Registrant's Handbook, and to successfully complete the JEM within ten days of signing the consent order.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION OR BYLAWS

Act, section 33(4); 33(5); 33(6)(a) Bylaws, 47(1); Regulation, 3 and 5(a)

STATUS

Closed.