

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF DECISION**

**File Reference:** DH1599

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***ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT***

On May 11, 2015, the College became aware that a Registrant was practicing dental hygiene without valid registration between March 1, 2015 and May 11, 2015.

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 s. 47(1) of the College bylaws prior to renewal of his/her registration.

On June 16, 2015, 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, in which s/he apologized and explained that (s)he had failed to renew his/her full-practicing dental hygiene license as s/he had not received any of the renewal reminder emails as all correspondence from the College was directed to his/her junk folder, as well as being a recent graduate from an out of province program and not being fully aware of the renewal deadline in British Columbia.

***COMMITTEE DECISION***

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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, 2015 to May 11, 2015.

In accordance with section 33(6)(c) of the Act,, the Inquiry Committee determined that this was an appropriate case to seek a consent order with terms that required the Registrant not to repeat the conduct of engaging in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene without full registration with the College, to thoroughly review the 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 13; 33(4); 33(5); 33(6)(c) Bylaws, 47(1); Regulation, 3 and 5(a)

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***STATUS***

Closed.