

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISION**

File Reference: DH1608

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On May 10, 2016, the College received information indicating that the Registrant was practicing dental hygiene without valid registration between March 1, 2016 and May 10, 2016.

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 7, 2016, the CDHBC Registrar notified the Registrant of the investigation and invited a response in accordance with s. 33(5) of the Act

The Registrant provided a written response stating that s/he had not realized that s/he had failed to renew his/her license until being notified by the College of his/her removal from the Register. The Registrant advised that, due to extenuating personal circumstances which included being locked out of his/her email account, s/he was overwhelmed and did not receive any reminders during the renewal period. The Registrant acknowledged his/her oversight in failing to provide the College with his/her updated email address, and apologized for failing to renew on time and engaging in unauthorized practice. The Registrant subsequently applied for new registration.

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, 2016 to May 10, 2016.

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, to thoroughly review the requirements set out in the CDBHC College Bylaws, to successfully complete the JEM within ten days of signing the consent order, and to complete the BCDHA Module F1: Ethics and Jurisprudence, at his/her own cost, within two months of the date of 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)

STATUS

Closed.