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Ministry of Welfare

REGULATION **on the education, rights and obligations of dental technicians** **and clinical dental technicians for granting of licences,** **No. 1123/2012.**

SECTION I

General provisions.

Article 1

Scope.

This Regulation applies to dental technicians and clinical dental technicians holding licences from the Medical Director of Health under Articles 2 and 5.

SECTION II

Licence as a dental technician.

Article 2

Professional title.

The right to use the professional title of dental technician and to practise as such in Iceland is confined to those who have been granted a licence by the Medical Director of Health.

Article 3

Criteria for granting of a licence.

A licence under Article 2 may be granted to those who have completed a BS degree in dental technology from the Faculty of Odontology in the University of Iceland's School of Health Sciences.

A licence may also be granted on the basis of education from a state within the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. Recognition of professional qualifications and competence of a dental technician who meets the criteria of Directive 2005/36/EC, on the recognition of professional qualifications, with subsequent amendments, is subject to Regulation on recognition of professional qualifications and competence of healthcare practitioners from other EEA states, No. 461/2011, or to Nordic Convention on a common Nordic labour market for certain health professionals and veterinarians, No. 36/1993 (*cf.* Amendment No. 6/2001).

A licence may also be granted to those who have completed a comparable qualification from an educational institution in a state outside the EEA or Switzerland, which is recognised as such by Icelandic health authorities, and by health authorities in the state where the education took place.

Other criteria for the issue of a licence are subject to Article 13.

Article 4

Opinions.

Before a licence is granted under Article 2 on the basis of education outside Iceland under the third paragraph of Article 3, the Medical Director of Health shall elicit the opinion of the Faculty of Odontology of the University of Iceland's School of Health Sciences, with regard to whether the applicant fulfils the criteria for qualifications under the first paragraph of Article 3, for granting of a licence in dental technology.

The Medical Director of Health may elicit opinions from other bodies, as deemed necessary.

SECTION III

Licences as clinical dental technician.

Article 5

Professional title.

The right to use the title of clinical dental technician and to practise as such in Iceland is confined to those granted a licence by the Medical Director of Health.

Article 6

Criteria for granting of a licence as a clinical dental technician.

In order to be entitled to receive a licence as a clinical dental technician, the dental technician shall fulfil the following standards:

1. he/she shall be licensed as a dental technician under Article 2; and
2. he/she shall have completed recognised postgraduate study in clinical dental technology from a university which is recognised by the Icelandic health authorities and the health authorities of the state in which the education took place; and
3. he/she shall have worked as a clinical dental technician, after graduation under indent 2, with guidance for the equivalent of at least one year full-time. If he/she has worked less than full-time, the duration of employment shall be proportionately longer.

Further criteria for the granting of a licence are subject to Article 13.

Article 7

Opinions.

Before a licence is granted under Article 5 the Medical Director of Health shall elicit the opinion of the Faculty of Odontology in the University of Iceland's School of Health Sciences, with regard to whether the applicant fulfils the criteria of Article 6 for the granting of a licence as a clinical dental technician.

The Medical Director of Health may appoint a special committee to evaluate and comment upon applications for licences for clinical dental technicians.

The Medical Director of Health may elicit opinions from other bodies, as deemed necessary.

SECTION IV

Rights and obligations.

Article 8

Professional standards and responsibilities.

A dental technician under Article 2 and clinical dental technician under Article 5 shall show respect for the patient and perform his/her tasks vigilantly and conscientiously and in accordance with the professional standards required of the profession at any time.

A dental technician under Article 2 and clinical dental technician under Article 5 must be aware of his/her duties and respect ethical rules of the profession, maintain his/her knowledge and professional skill, and master innovations in his/her field of work.

A dental technician under Article 2 and clinical dental technician under Article 5 shall be familiar with legislation and regulations applying to healthcare practitioners and healthcare services, and other legislation and government directives, as applicable.

A dental technician under Article 2 and clinical dental technician under Article 5 is responsible for their work in accordance with the education he/she has received.

A dental technician may not work in a patient's oral cavity.

A clinical dental technician under Article 5 may work on the taking of impressions, fitting and construction and maintenance of complete and partial dentures (*cf.* however Article 11).

A dental technician under Article 2 and clinical dental technician under Article 5 shall recognise his/her professional limitations, and seek assistance or refer the patient to another healthcare practitioner as necessary, for instance if he/she judges that he/she cannot provide the patient with appropriate healthcare service.