

THE DENTAL ACT

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## THE DENTAL ACT

[19th September, 1974.]

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Short title.

Interpreta-  
tion.

1. This Act may be cited as the Dental Act.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Advisory Committee” means the Dental Advisory Committee established under section 5;

“the Council” means the Dental Council established under section 3;

“dental auxiliary” means a person enrolled as a dental auxiliary in accordance with this Act;

“functions” includes duties and powers;

“practise of dentistry” includes—

- (a) the performance of any operation, and the treatment of any diseases, deficiencies, or lesions, on or of the human teeth or jaws, and the correction of malpositions thereof and the performance of radiographic work in connection with the human teeth or jaws;
- (b) the giving of any anaesthetic in connection with any operation on the human teeth or jaws;
- (c) the performance of any operation on, or the giving of any treatment, advice, or attendance to, any person, as preparatory to or for the purpose of or for or in connection with the fitting, insertion, fixing,

constructing, repairing, or removing of artificial dentures or restorative dental appliances; or

(d) the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice, or attendance as is usually performed or given by dentists,

and the expression "to practise" in relation to dentistry has a corresponding meaning;

"the register" means the Register of Dentists specified under section 8;

"registered dentist" means a person registered as a dentist in accordance with this Act;

"the Registrar" means the Registrar appointed under section 7;

"the roll" means the Roll of Dental Auxiliaries specified under section 10.

Establishment  
of the Council.

3.—(1) There shall be established for the purposes of this Act a body to be called the Dental Council, which shall be a body corporate to which the provisions of section 28 of the Interpretation Act, shall apply.

First  
Schedule.

(2) The provisions of the First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the constitution and procedure of the Council and otherwise in relation thereto.

Functions  
of the Council.

4. The functions of the Council shall be—

- (a) to register dentists and enrol dental auxiliaries;
- (b) to regulate the training of persons for enrolment as dental auxiliaries;
- (c) to appoint examiners to conduct such examinations in respect of persons applying for registration as dentists

and persons applying for enrolment as dental auxiliaries as may from time to time be necessary under the provisions of this Act; and

- (d) to ensure the maintenance of proper standards of professional conduct by persons registered as dentists or enrolled as dental auxiliaries, as the case may be, under this Act.

5.—(1) There shall be established for the purposes of this Act, a body to be called the Dental Auxiliaries Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Advisory Committee”).

Establishment of the Advisory Committee.

(2) The provisions of the Second Schedule shall have effect with respect to the constitution and procedure of the Advisory Committee and otherwise in relation thereto.

Second Schedule.

6. The functions of the Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Council—

Functions of the Committee.

- (a) on matters relating to the administration of the provisions of this Act in respect of dental auxiliaries;
- (b) on the various classes of dental auxiliaries to be prescribed;
- (c) on the curricula of study and programme of training to be followed by a person for enrolment as a member of a prescribed class of dental auxiliary;
- (d) on the most effective utilization of the services of the various classes of dental auxiliaries; and
- (e) generally in respect of dental auxiliaries and their functions.

Appointment  
of Registrar  
and other  
officers and  
servants.

7. The Council shall appoint and employ at such remuneration, and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, a Registrar and such other officers and servants as it thinks necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act:

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· Provided that the prior approval of the Minister shall be obtained for the assignment to any post of a salary in excess of a rate of one million dollars per annum or such higher rate as the Minister may, by order, prescribe.

The register.

8.—(1) The Council shall cause the Registrar to keep a register (to be known as the Register of Dentists) of the names, addresses and qualifications, and such other particulars as may be prescribed, of all persons who are registered under subsection (3) or who apply in the prescribed manner to be registered as dentists and are so registered pursuant to section 9.

(2) The register shall be open to inspection by any member of the public at all reasonable times, and a copy of the register shall be published in the *Gazette* by the Registrar at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Every person who immediately before the 19th September, 1974, was registered under the Dental Law (now repealed) shall be deemed, at the said date, to be registered as a dentist under this Act, and the Registrar shall as soon as practicable after such date, enter the name, address, qualification and other prescribed particulars of such person in the register.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), for the purposes of this Act, a person is registered as a dentist if his name appears in the register.