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Dear practitioner,

Consultation outcomes on the proposed correction to the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice prescribed qualification – Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago

Council issued a communication to all affected stakeholders in May 2012, to advise them of Council's intention to revise the prescribed qualifications for the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice.

The proposal was to correct the University of Otago - Diploma in Dental Hygiene prescribed qualification by adding the requirement for a Dental Council-approved course for extra-oral radiography, as this was inadvertently omitted during the September 2011 consultation process.

Stakeholders with concerns about the proposed correction were invited to express these to Council. However, no objections were received by the Dental Council within the comment period.

The Council has, by notice to be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* on 12 July 2012, corrected the prescribed qualification for the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice to reflect the following:

Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice, and Dental Council approved course for Extra-oral Radiography.

The updated prescribed qualifications for the orthodontic auxiliary scope of practice is enclosed as Attachment 1, and will also be available on Council's website on 12 July 2012 at http://www.dcnz.org.nz/Documents/Scopes/ScopesOfPractice_OrthAux.pdf.

If you have any questions on these changes please feel free to contact the Secretariat.

Yours sincerely



Marie Warner
Chief Executive

Notice of Replacement of Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, this notice is issued by the Dental Council.

The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the “*Scope of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice*” published in the New Zealand Gazette, 15 March 2012, No. 33, page 1016.

Scope of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice

Prescribed Qualifications

- Graduate Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, Academy of Orthodontic Assisting; possession of a dental therapy, dental hygiene or dentistry qualification and approved experience in the provision of orthodontic auxiliary services under the direction and supervision of a dentist or dental specialist who can attest to competency¹.
- Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, New Zealand Association of Orthodontists: Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme².
- Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice.
- Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health, Auckland University of Technology conferred from 2011, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice.
- Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Hygiene), University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice.
- Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice, and Dental Council approved course for Extra-oral Radiography.

¹ The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 10 July 2006.

² The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 15 February 2010.