

Summary of Decisions

From the Dental Council meetings during June 2017

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The Dental Council (Council) is the statutory body constituted under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act) to maintain the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practise. Council endeavours to keep its key stakeholders up to date with key decisions.

This document is a summary of Council's decisions from the meeting held on 6 June 2017.

Recertification policy review: symposium and consultation

Council approved the Summary report from the March 2017 symposium on recertifying our oral health practitioners – thinking about the future. The report will be issued to the attendees and wider stakeholder groups and interested parties.

The final discussion document will be issued for public consultation on the week beginning 19 June 2017, closing on 30 September 2017.

University of Otago – building report

The Council accepted the joint Australian Dental Council and Dental Council (NZ) Accreditation Committee's recommendation from its 5 May 2017 meeting that no serious risks were identified within the report that prevents the Otago educational programmes to continue to meet the accreditation standards.

Hutt Valley DHB pulpotomies and stainless steel crowns course

The Council accepted the review team's recommendation, and agreed that the Hutt Valley District Health Board Primary Tooth Pulpotomy and Stainless Steel Crown has satisfied the requirement to include pathophysiology and sensibility tests to the didactic component; and was approved until 1 May 2022.

2016/17 Financial Statements

Council approved the audited 2017 Financial Statements.

Health and Safety at Work Policy Update

Council approved the amended Health and Safety at Work Policy to reflect other aspects of Council's primary duty of care (under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015), and it also includes a statement on the acceptable seismic rating of the building the Council occupies.