



NEW SOUTH WALES

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### MEMORANDUM TO REGISTERED DENTAL PROSTHETISTS

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#### IMMEDIATE DENTURES

##### Dental prosthetics

Section 5(3) of the Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975 provides that the practice of dental prosthetics means:

- (a) the giving of any advice to or the attendance upon any person as preparatory to, or for the purpose of, or for or in connection with, the fitting, inserting, constructing, repairing or renewing of artificial dentures or mouthguards;
- (b) the constructing, repairing or renewing by a person of artificial dentures or mouthguards in connection with the performance by that person of any functions referred to in paragraph (a) or (c); and
- (c) the inserting or fitting of artificial dentures or mouthguards in healthy human mouths,

but does not include the inserting or fitting of an artificial denture or mouthguard where, in the proper practice of dentistry, it could be reasonably foreseen, before any such work is commenced, that an adjustment of natural teeth or the jaw would be, or is, required for the purpose of:

- (d) balancing the occlusion of natural teeth and the artificial denture or mouthguard; or
- (e) preparing natural teeth or the jaw for the insertion of the artificial denture or mouthguard.

Section 5(4) of the Act provides that for the purposes of subsection (3) (c) a human mouth is not healthy if:

- (a) the jaws are apparently damaged and not completely healed or are apparently diseased;
- (b) it contains any soft tissue that is apparently damaged and not completely healed or is apparently diseased; or
- (c) it contains any teeth that are apparently carious, are apparently damaged and not completely repaired or are apparently diseased.

##### Immediate dentures

The Board considers that performing any clinical procedures whatsoever for immediate dentures by dental prosthetists is beyond the definition of "dental prosthetics" even if a dentist prescribes the procedure(s) to be done.

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SECRETARY

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