

NSW DENTAL TECHNICIANS REGISTRATION BOARD

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Diploma in Dental Technology Course

In February 1998 the Diploma in Dental Technology was introduced to replace the Associate Diploma in Dental Technology. TAFE has provided the following information to assist employers and students in laboratories and clinics.

Entry and Selection Criteria

NSW Higher School Certificate with completion in English, Mathematics and a Science at the following 1998 levels:

English	Minimum Mark
2 Unit Contemporary	55/100
2 Unit General	50/100
2 Unit Related	45/100
3 Unit	45/100

Mathematics	Minimum Mark
Mathematics in Society	55/100
2 Unit	50/100
3 Unit	50/100
4 Unit	1/200

Science	Minimum Mark
Chemistry 2 Unit	45/100
Geology 2 Unit	45/100
Physics 2 Unit	45/100
General Science 2 Unit	55/100
Biology 2 Unit	45/100
Science for Life 2 Unit	60/100
Science 3 Unit	68/100
Science 4 Unit	90/200

Employer Sponsorship

Prospective students who meet the above NSW Higher Certificate requirements or equivalent and who submit supporting evidence that they will be employed as a Dental Technician in training, if their course application is successful, will be given entry priority.

Please note that any prospective student who is not 20 years or older at the time of enrolment, and does not meet the NSW HSC or equivalent requirements, can not be offered a position in the course.

Mature Age Entry and Selection Criteria

Prospective students who will be 20 years or older at the date of enrolment do not necessarily have to possess a NSW Higher Certificate or equivalent. All mature age students will be required to undertake the prescribed entrance ranking test.

Preference will be given to those applicants who have a qualification and/or experience in a related dental field. Also the employer sponsorship criteria will apply.

Course Delivery and Attendance Modes

From Semester 2, 1998 the Diploma in Dental Technology will be offered in a part-time

attendance mode. There will be a maximum of twenty-four (24) student places available each semester.

Part-time Attendance

Attendance will vary from eight (8) to twelve (12) hours per week over eight (8) semesters.

Block Release

A Block Release program is to be made available with preference given to geographically isolated students. Attendance will vary from six (6) to seven (7) weeks per semester over eight (8) semesters commencing Semester 1, 1999.

A typical program may be:
2 weeks in February
2 weeks in April; and
2 weeks in June

Attendance would be for thirty (30) hours per week in the Block Release program. The following Block Release program will be offered for February 1999 (semester 1) and then on demand (subject to available resources and enrolment numbers).

The delivery mode will be monitored closely. The continuation of any delivery mode will be dependant on minimum student numbers and available resources.

Prosecution for Breaches of Sections 26(2) and 27 of the Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975

A registered dental technician was recently found guilty of breaching s.26(2) and s.27 of the Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975. The dental technician, not being a dental prosthetist, had produced a set of dentures for a patient. The dental technician had carried out the functions of a dental prosthetist and performed technical work without a written order from either a dentist or dental prosthetist contrary to the provisions of s.26(2) and s.27 of the Act respectively.

At the Downing Centre Local Court, Sydney on 30 June 1998 before the Magistrate the Defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful performance of dental prosthetics and a charge of unlawful performance of dental technical work. The Magistrate found the offences proven and the matters were dismissed under section 556A of the Crimes Act 1900.

The Defendant was ordered to pay court costs and professional costs.

Dental Technicians Registration Regulation 1998

The new Dental Technicians Registration Regulation commenced on September 1, 1998. The Regulation supports the Act and essentially maintains the provisions of the

previous Regulation but makes detail changes in infection control standards and advertising by dental prosthetists.

A copy of the new Regulation is attached to the newsletter.

Fact Sheet on Lip and Intra-Oral Cancer

If you are currently registered as a dental prosthetist you will find attached to this newsletter a fact sheet obtained from the Australian Dental Association (NSW Branch) on lip and intra-oral cancer for information.

Removal of Names From the Register and Index

The following persons did not seek annual renewal of registration and their names were removed from the register and index on 23 July 1998.

Dental Technicians

BUNYAN Leo Joseph
CSAVAS Friedrich
FISHER David Paul
GIDDINGS Richard Edward
GONZALEZ Juan Mauricio
GREGURIC Vjekoslava
GUJAS Ana
KALANTZIS Tony
KHODAVERDI Hamlet
KIND John Cecil
KITILSEN Rannveig
MATTHEWS Peter
MELBERZS Lee Arnold
MIYAZAKI Shoko

MOHR Uwe Horst
MULLER Peter
MURRAY Robert Earle
NIKOLOPOULOS George
OEY Lucy
PALMER Christopher Anthony
PAYNE John William
REC Antoinette Karin
RECHAN Ksenija
RYAN Stephen Patrick
SERHAN Zuheir Ibrahim
THOMAS Scott Andrew
TUROSKI Arthur Damian
WELLNITZ Angelika Helga
WICHERT Erwin

Dental Prosthetists

BOWYER Colin Anthony
COLQUHOUN David Gordon
COOK Christopher John
COULTON Alan Edward
DYBALL Peter Rex
FORBES-BROWN Garry
LOWRY Thomas Michael
MEATHERINGHAM Paul Raymond
MERKLEY Tracy Mary
STANFIELD Geoffrey Christopher

Statistics

There were 618 Dental Technicians registered as at 30 June 1998.

There were 387 Dental Prosthetists registered as at 30 June 1998.

Copies of the NSW Dental Technicians Registration Act 1975, No.40 and Regulation can be obtained from the Government Information Centre, Goodsell Building, Hunter Street, Sydney (Tel: 9743 7200)