

# NSW DENTAL TECHNICIANS REGISTRATION BOARD

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*POLICIES AND PROCEDURES*

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## **Tooth Whitening and Bleaching**

Bleaching or whitening involves the application of a chemical to alter tooth enamel.

The Board has adopted the Crown Solicitor's advice that the process of tooth whitening or bleaching on human teeth is the performance of an operation within the meaning of Section IOAF(4)(a) of the Public Health Act 1991. As such, only registered dentists, medical practitioners or registered dental students undertaking clinical studies may carry out this procedure. Thus dental prosthetists **MUST NOT** undertake this treatment.

**Reference:** DF26

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