

File Reference: DH2114

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On August, 2021, the College became aware that the Registrant may have engaged in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene between March 1 and August 18, 2021, by providing dental hygiene treatment while not holding registration as a Full Practicing registrant and holding themselves out as having a full practicing license with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (the “College”).

The matter was referred to the Inquiry Committee which initiated an investigation under s. 33(4) of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183 (the “Act”) and invited the Registrant to respond.

On October 1, 2021, the College received an email response from the Registrant advised that they were not aware that they had failed to renew their license and there were extenuating circumstances that led to this oversight. Upon learning that they were not licensed to practice on August 18, 2021, they applied for reinstatement and provided their assurance not make this mistake again.

COMMITTEE DECISION

After considering the information which the Registrant provided, and a review of the material gathered during the investigation, the Inquiry Committee concluded that the Registrant did not provide dental hygiene treatment during the period of March 1 and August 18, 2021, while not holding a full practicing license with the College; however, the Inquiry Committee was concerned that the Registrant held themselves out as a dental hygienist on August 18, 2021. The Inquiry Committee resolved to take no further action in view of the extenuating circumstances apart from issuing a caution to the Registrant to ensure that the conduct is not repeated in the future.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION OR BYLAWS

Act, section 13; 33(4); 33(5); 33(6)(a).

STATUS

Closed.