

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISION**

File Reference: DH1593

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On March 18, 2015, the College was made aware that a Registrant may have been practicing dental hygiene between March 1, 2015 and March 18, 2015 after failing to renew his/her registration prior to the February 28, 2015 deadline.

The CDHBC Inquiry Committee initiated an investigation under s. 33(4)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183 (the "Act") to determine whether the Registrant had engaged in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene without registration contrary to s. 13 of the Act, ss. 3 and 5(a) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation and s. 47(1) of the College bylaws prior to renewal of his/her registration.

On March 28, 2015, the CDHBC Registrar notified the Registrant of the investigation and requested the Registrant's response to the investigation, in accordance with s. 33(5) of the Act.

The Registrant provided a written response, explaining that (s)he had submitted the renewal forms to the former College office and apologized for the mistake.

COMMITTEE DECISION

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Inquiry Committee determined that the evidence established that the Registrant had engaged in unauthorized practice without registration contrary to s. 13 of the Act, ss. 3 and 5(a) of the Dental Hygienists Regulation and ss. 47(1) of the College bylaws for the period March 1, 2015 to March 18, 2015.

In accordance with section 33(6)(c) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Inquiry Committee determined that this was an appropriate case to seek a consent order under s. 36 of the Act to ensure (s)he does not repeat the conduct of engaging in unauthorized practice.

The Registrant agreed to provide a consent order pursuant to ss. 36(1)(a) and (d) of the Act on terms requiring her/him to undertake: (a) not to repeat the conduct of engaging in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene by failing to have valid registration in place as a full registrant; (b) to review and thoroughly familiarize his/herself with the requirements set out in the CDHBC Bylaws within seven days; (c) to complete the online Jurisprudence Education Module (JEM) within ten days; and (d) to write a reflective essay of not less than 1200 words on his/her responsibilities as a registrant of a self-regulated profession and the importance of compliance with the regulatory scheme for the College and to submit it for approval by the Inquiry Committee within thirty days.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION OR BYLAWS

Act, section 13; 33(4); 33(5); 33(6)(c) Bylaws, 47(1); Regulation, 3 and 5(a)

STATUS

Closed.