

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISION**

File Reference: DH1594

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On March 26, 2015, the College was made aware that a Registrant was practicing dental hygiene while failing to have valid registration between March 1, 2015 and March 26, 2015.

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 authorized 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 26, 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 failed to renew his/her registration on time as result of being unaware that the renewal deadline was February 28, and not April 1 and that s/he had not receive the email reminders as they were sent to an old hotmail account that was no longer in use.

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) and 49 of the College bylaws for the period March 1, 2015 to March 26, 2015.

In accordance with section 33(6)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*, the Inquiry Committee determined that this was an appropriate case to take no further action because of the inadvertent nature of the Registrant's conduct, other than to request the Registrant to voluntarily sign an undertaking not to repeat the conduct of engaging in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene without full registration with the College, to thoroughly review the requirements set out in the CDHBC Registrant's Handbook, and to successfully complete the JEM within ten days of signing the undertaking.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION OR BYLAWS

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

STATUS

Closed.