

**INQUIRY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISION**

File Reference: DH1596

ELEMENTS OF COMPLAINT

On April 7, 2015, the College became aware that a Registrant was practicing dental hygiene without valid registration between March 1, 2015 and April 7, 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 April 14, 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, in which s/he apologized and explained that (s)he had failed to renew his/her full-practicing dental hygiene license as s/he had confused the renewal deadline with that of the British Columbia Dental Hygiene Association.

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 April 7, 2015.

In accordance with section 33(6)(c) of the Act, the Inquiry Committee determined that this was an appropriate case to seek a consent order with terms that required the Registrant 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 CDBHC Registrant's Handbook, and to successfully complete the JEM within ten days of signing the consent order.

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.