



# Oral Health Regulator Amalgamation

We are reaching out to you, as a registrant, to gather your perceptions and understanding on a number of topics related to the creation of a single oral health regulator.

The College of Dental Hygienists of BC (CDHBC), and College of Dental Technicians of BC (CDTBC), the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) and College of Denturists of BC (CDBC) have agreed to pursue amalgamation and create a single oral health regulator that will govern the six oral health professions in the public interest.

As you will have learned from our [joint letter](#) from August 2020, this decision to amalgamate is informed by the government's larger regulatory modernization effort.

As the work progresses, the colleges are committed to ongoing timely and transparent communication with you, as oral health professionals, and the public. An understanding of your views on the amalgamation will guide our planning and ensure meaningful communication as the process moves forward.

Information about the amalgamation can be found on our website at <https://www.cdhbc.com/News-Events/Regulatory-Modernization.aspx>. We hope you will participate in this process by reading the backgrounder and engaging with us in one of the ways below.

## How to participate and earn CE credits

Small group meetings will be held online in February. Led by an independent facilitator, these meetings provide the opportunity for registrants to engage in a discussion about:

- the challenges and opportunities of forming a single regulator for oral health professionals, and
- the impacts of amalgamation on you as a registrant.

Meeting participants are eligible for two CE credits.

There will be separate meetings for each category of oral health care professional. We will be seeking a balance of perspectives from around the province; to include different levels of experience, different types of practice, and geographic and cultural diversity to participate in focused online group meetings. As these are small group meetings there are a limited number of seats to ensure meaningful dialogue; however, the initial discussions of these small groups will inform an upcoming survey of all registrants.

**If you would like to participate in one of our small group meetings, please express your interest by filling out the form at <https://www.cdhbc.com/News-Events/Regulatory-Modernization/Expression-of-Interest-Form-FINAL.aspx>.**

Registrants will be asked to select their availability on Saturday February 13 from 10:30 - noon or Tuesday February 16 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm (both dates can be selected). The date that works for the majority will be the date chosen.

Input gathered from these meetings will be used to develop an on-line survey that will be sent to all registrants of the four colleges. If you are not able to participate in a small group meeting, please watch for our survey, which will be sent to all registrants of all four colleges in April.

A summary report will be shared with the leaders of the amalgamation project at the four oral health colleges and all information will be carefully considered as we move forward in this process.