



Renewal Reminder

The 2021/22 registration renewal period will open on **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**. The deadline for renewing your registration for the 2021/22 year is at 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 28, 2021. You can renew through the online system - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - by accessing your personal [CDHBC profile](#). Your username is your email address, and you should have already established a password. If you have forgotten your password, please reset it on the log-in screen. If you require assistance with completing your registration renewal, the CDHBC Registration Office staff are available to help during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

All CDHBC registrations expire on the last day of February each year; your renewal must be completed by then in order to have a valid license to practice on March 1st, 2021. Failure to renew your registration by 11:59 pm on February 28, 2021, will result in removal from the register effective March 1, 2021 and the revocation of your license to practice dental hygiene in BC. It is illegal to practice dental hygiene in BC without being registered with the CDHBC and is considered a serious breach of the CDHBC Regulations and Bylaws as well as the Health Professions Act.

Renewal payments may be paid by Visa, Visa Debit, Mastercard and Interac Debit. The College no longer accepts paper renewal forms and cheques.

As in previous years, registrants will be paying their registration fees to the College, and at the same time as membership fees are collected on behalf of the BCDHA and CDHA. By aligning the renewal year of the associations with the College and collecting all professional fees from all dental hygienists in BC during the College's renewal period, all dental hygienists in BC will automatically have access to comprehensive and continuous professional liability insurance coverage effective March 1, 2021.

Before you can begin your renewal, you will be asked several questions pertaining to your current practice setting(s). Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

If you have a pre-paid deposit plan for the 2021/2022 registration plan, you still need to log into your CDHBC profile to renew and apply your deposit plan to this year's fees, otherwise your renewal will not be complete. You will be given the option to set-up a pre-paid refundable deposit plan for the 2022 renewal year and start contributing on March 1, 2021. You may log-in at anytime during the year to set-up a pre-paid refundable deposit plan for the next renewal period.

If you are currently registered in a practicing class and would like to renew in the Non-Practicing class for 2021/22, you must contact the CDHBC Registration Office to request a class change before renewing. If you are registered in the Non-Practicing class and wish to renew your registration in a practicing class, please contact the CDHBC Registration Office for assistance.



2021/22 Renewal Fees

The College Board has considered the 2021 fees in light of the current pandemic as well as the legislated and operational requirements of the College. Typically annual fees are increased between 1-3% to meet standard inflationary costs as well as ensure the financial resources of the College can meet all its legislated, strategic and operational needs.

After carefully considering these needs, the College Board has determined that the College's needs and responsibilities in the 2021/22 financial year can be met without any increase in registration and renewal fees. This fiscal prudence is also in recognition of the financial challenges that the pandemic has created for many British Columbians.

Therefore, the annual registration fee for all practicing classes will remain \$515, the annual registration fee for the non-practicing class will remain \$260, and the Health Profession Corporation Permit renewal fee will remain \$30.

In addition to the CDHBC renewal fee, \$399 will be collected on behalf of CDHA and BCDHA. All fees collected for CDHA and BCDHA are sent directly to the associations.



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The New Registration Classes

On March 2, 2020, the new College bylaws came into effect, and your registration was automatically assigned to the appropriate new registration category.

Registration Class prior to March 2, 2020

Full Practicing
Conditional
Full (365-Day Rule Exempt)
Non-Practicing

Registration Class effective March 2, 2020

Registered Dental Hygienist (C)
Registered Dental Hygienist
Dental Hygiene Practitioner (C)
Non-Practicing

A small number of Full Practicing registrants were accepted into the “Grandparented” registration class.

All registrants wishing to renew in the **non-practicing** category must complete an online renewal application and pay the 2021/22 renewal fee. A non-practicing registrant may transfer to a practicing class of registration by providing proof of completion of all requirements and paying the applicable fees.

Effective March 2, 2020, with the implementation of the new College bylaws, all registrants wishing to renew in a **practicing category** must:

- complete an online renewal application;
- provide proof of professional negligence insurance;
- provide a demonstration of current Continuing Competency (CC) credits, by updating their Online Learning Plan;
- complete the [Jurisprudence Education Module \(JEM\)](#) once during their five-year QAP Cycle (starting in 2021, the JEM is a mandatory requirement of the QAP Cycle and therefore registrants cannot claim continuing competency credit for its completion);
- answer questions related to demonstration of good standing in every jurisdiction in which currently or previously registered to practice dental hygiene;
- answer questions related to demonstration of good character, consistent with the responsibilities and standards expected of a registrant;
- complete an authorization for a criminal record search (as required by the Criminal Records Review Act) when the College provides a notification that the 5-year Criminal Record Re-Check is due; and
- submit proof of completion of a Health Care Providers (HCP) level or Basic Life Support (BLS) level CPR certification

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted availability of CPR courses throughout the province. **The Registration Committee at its September 18, 2020 meeting made the decision to temporarily suspend CPR requirements for 2021 renewal. Please note that this is a temporary provision – as soon as CPR courses become readily available registrants will be expected to obtain current certification. If your CPR certification will still be current through February 2021, you are asked to upload that information in your registrant profile.**

The Quality Assurance Committee has determined that CPR-BLS (or HCP) courses will no longer be eligible for continuing competency (CC) credits because they are not viewed as expanding one’s competency beyond the



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minimum required for registration. This change in credit eligibility will take effect beginning January 1, 2021.

In addition to the above requirements, in order to renew in the **Registered Dental Hygienist (C)** and **Dental Hygiene Practitioner (C)** categories, your Local Anaesthetic certification (C) must be renewed annually during the regular registration renewal period by indicating on the registration renewal form that you wish to keep your LA certification.

Registrants in the Registered Dental Hygienist (C) and Dental Hygiene Practitioner (C) categories will be required to recertify their local anesthetic qualifications once in a 5-year QAP cycle. In order to maintain certification, registrants are required to complete learning activities that the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) directs related to the administration of LA as part of their 5-year QAP cycle. The QAC is in the process of determining these requirements and further information will be provided to registrants in the New Year.

For further information on CPR and L/A requirements, please see the [Root of the Matter Article](#) in September's Access.