

*Government Notice No. 161 of 2016***THE DENTAL COUNCIL ACT****Regulations made by the Council, with the approval of the Minister, under section 40 of the Dental Council Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dental Council (Continuing Professional Development) Regulations 2016.

2. In these regulations –

“Act” means the Dental Council Act;

“approved CPD course or training programme” means a CPD course or training programme on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes kept by the Council;

“approved institution, dental association or person” means an institution, dental association or person on the list of approved institutions, dental associations or persons kept by the Council;

“CPD” means Continuing Professional Development;

“list of approved CPD courses or training programmes” means the list referred to in regulation 6(b);

“list of approved institutions, dental associations or persons” means the list referred to in regulation 6(a).

3. (1) For the purpose of section 29A(1) of the Act and subject to regulation 9, every dental surgeon and dental specialist shall –

(a) accumulate not less than 5 credit points for the year 2016 ending on 31 December 2016;

(b) accumulate not less than 12 credit points for the year 2017 and every subsequent year.

(2) The allocation of credit points shall be as specified in the Schedule.

4. No institution, dental association or person shall conduct a CPD course or training programme for dental surgeons and dental specialists unless –

- (a) it or he is on the list of approved institutions, dental associations or persons; and
- (b) such CPD course or training programme is on the list of approved CPD courses or training programmes.

5. (1) Where an institution, dental association or person intends to conduct CPD courses or training programmes for dental surgeons and dental specialists, it or he shall –

- (a) submit an application to the Dental Council for approval in such form as may be approved;
- (b) submit a list of proposed CPD courses or training programmes, accompanied by the detailed course contents and the allocation of credit points as specified in Part I of the Schedule, for approval.

(2) On receipt of an application for approval under paragraph (a), the Dental Council may request such additional information as it may require.

(3) The Dental Council may grant or reject an application received under paragraph (a).

(4) Where an institution, dental association or person has obtained approval to conduct a CPD course or training programme under paragraph (a) and the content of such CPD course or training programme is subsequently revised, that institution, dental association or person shall submit a fresh application, accompanied by a detailed course content, to the Dental Council for approval of the revised CPD course or training programme.

(5) Every dental surgeon or dental specialist may, in respect of any of the categories specified in Part II of the Schedule, submit an

application to the Dental Council for credit points in such form as may be approved.

6. (1) The Dental Council shall –
- (a) keep a list of approved institutions, dental associations or persons;
 - (b) keep a list of approved CPD courses or training programmes in respect of each approved institution, dental association or person;
 - (c) keep a yearly record of credit points earned by every dental surgeon and dental specialist;
 - (d) monitor all approved CPD courses or training programmes which are held;
 - (e) regularly review the approval given to institutions, dental associations or persons conducting CPD courses or training programmes;
 - (f) pursuant to section 29A(3) of the Act, give public notice of the lists referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) and any subsequent amendments to those lists.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(a), the Dental Council shall ensure that the services of eminent dental surgeons, dental specialists, health professionals and academics having wide experience and knowledge in the field of dentistry are enlisted for conducting CPD courses or training programmes.

7. Every approved institution, dental association or person shall –
- (a) advertise the approved CPD courses or training programmes which it or he intends to conduct, specifying the number of credit points to be earned in respect of each course or training programme;

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- (b) keep and maintain an attendance register in respect of each approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, wherein the following particulars shall be recorded –
 - (i) the type of approved CPD course or training programme as specified in Part II of the Schedule and the number of credit points obtained;
 - (ii) the date of the CPD course or training programme;
 - (iii) the full name, registration number and signature of every dental surgeon or dental specialist in attendance;
 - (c) within 14 days from the date an approved CPD course or training programme is held, submit to the Dental Council a certified copy of the attendance register referred to in paragraph (b).

8. An approved institution, dental association or person may, in respect of an approved CPD course or training programme conducted by it or him, charge such fees as it or he may determine.

9. (1) For the purpose of section 29A(2) of the Act, the Dental Council may excuse a dental surgeon or dental specialist from attending CPD courses or training programmes, as required under these regulations –

- (a) for such period as the Dental Council considers appropriate, where that dental surgeon or dental specialist –
 - (i) has been on sick leave for a period of more than 6 months, supported by documentary evidence;
 - (ii) is a non-citizen granted temporary registration as dental surgeon or dental specialist under section 25 of the Act and who has worked for a period of less than 12 months in Mauritius;

- (iii) is a visiting dental surgeon or dental specialist granted temporary registration under section 26 of the Act;
- (iv) is working in Agalega;
- (b) for a period of one year after the dental surgeon or dental specialist resumes practice, where that dental surgeon or dental specialist was holding the post of President, Vice-President, Minister or Ambassador or was employed overseas in an intergovernmental, regional or international organisation.

(2) Any dental surgeon or dental specialist referred to in paragraph (1)(b) shall forthwith notify the Dental Council of the date as from which he intends to cease to practise dentistry and the date as from which he intends to resume practice.

10. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 August 2016.

Made by the Dental Council on 28 July 2016 and approved by the Minister on 28 July 2016.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 3(2)]

ALLOCATION OF CREDIT POINTS**PART I – APPROVED CPD COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAMME**

Type of approved CPD course or training programme	Credit points
1. Lecture (for at least one hour)	1
2. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 3 hours)	2
3. Seminar/conference/workshop (for at least 5 hours)	4

PART II – CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT POINTS

Categories	Credit points
1. Dental surgeon or dental specialist attending international conference	4 per conference
2. Dental surgeon or dental specialist giving a lecture/presenting a paper (for at least one hour)	2
3. Dental surgeon or dental specialist publishing a paper in a dentistry journal	4
4. Dental surgeon or dental specialist writing a case review in a dentistry journal	2
5. Dental surgeon or dental specialist writing an editorial in a dentistry journal	3
6. Dental surgeon or dental specialist authoring a book in a dental speciality	Up to 10
7. Dental surgeon or dental specialist authoring a chapter in a dentistry book	4
8. Dental surgeon studying for a full-time postgraduate course	4 per year

Categories	Credit points
9. Dental surgeon or dental specialist who is a lecturer or professor at a dental college/a university/the Mauritius Institute of Health	4 per year
10. Dental surgeon or dental specialist involved in administrative post*	4 per year

* Note: This applies to a dental surgeon or dental specialist who holds an administrative post in a private dental clinic or a Government institution, for instance, Director Dental Services, etc.
