

New Brunswick

From the By-Laws of the New Brunswick Dental Society

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BY-LAW 16 – DENTAL HYGIENISTS

1. No person shall act as a dental hygienist unless such person
 - (a) holds a certificate or diploma from a school of dental hygiene approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada, or [June 5, 1999]
 - (b) has met such other educational qualifications as may be set out in the rules, and
 - (c) has met all the qualifications and requirements which may be set out in the rules, has paid all required fees, and is the holder of a current licence to practise dental hygiene issued by the Registrar.
2. No dentist shall employ a dental hygienist unless that person holds a current licence to practise dental hygiene.
3. Dental hygienists shall be permitted to perform, under the direct supervision and control of a dentist, in a dental practice setting, those duties, tasks and functions for which they have been trained during their course of studies and other courses approved by the board, and all the duties, tasks and functions a dental assistant, of any level, may perform pursuant to by-law 17.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of this by-law, a dental hygienist may be employed by a hospital, school board or other similar institution in an educational capacity upon approval by the Board and provided that such dental hygienist does not perform any clinical services or treatment.
5. Dental hygienists shall not perform any of the following:
 - (a) diagnosis or treatment planning;
 - (b) prescribing the use of any prosthetic appliance;
 - (c) the cutting of hard or soft tissue; or
 - (d) the prescription or administration of drugs.
6. The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register of dental hygienists and shall enter in such register the names of all dental hygienists who have met the

requirements set out in this by-law, the Act and the rules and have paid all required fees.

7.
 - (a) The Registrar shall issue annually a licence to practise dental hygiene to those persons whose names are entered in the dental hygienists register and have paid all required fees.
 - (b) The licence fees required to be paid to the Society by dental hygienists shall be established from time to time by the membership at the annual or a special meeting by a resolution submitted by the Board.
 - (c) If any dental hygienist fails to pay any required fees as set out in the rules the Registrar shall forthwith remove his name from the dental hygienists register and notify the hygienist and her employer. Fees for renewal of registration may be received at the office of the Registrar on or before January 31 in any given year. [May 22, 1993]
8. Upon being satisfied, on such proof as the Registrar finds convincing, that a dental hygienist is or was performing dental duties, tasks, services or functions other than those permitted by this by-law, the Registrar shall remove the name of the said dental hygienist from the dental hygienists register and shall forthwith notify the dental hygienist and his employer of such action.
9. “Direct supervision and control” when used in this by-law shall mean that a dentist is present in the office or premises where the dental hygienist is carrying out the duties, tasks and functions.