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DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

(CONSTITUTED UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT 1948)

No.DE-159-2008/A1039

Dated the 2 May 2008

To

1. The Registrars, All the State Dental Councils / Dentists Registration Tribunals.
2. All the recognized Dental Institutions in the Country.
3. All the recognized Medical Institutions having Dental Departments in the Country.
4. The Director General of Health Sciences, Govt. of India, New Delhi
5. All the State Government / Union Territories (Health Deptt.).
6. All the Directors of Health Services in State and Union Territories.
7. All the Directors of Medical Education & Research in State & Union Territories.
8. The Registrars, All the Universities with which Dental Institutions are affiliated.
9. The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
10. All the Members of the Dental Council of India.
11. Public Service Commission – All States.

Sub : Continuing Dental Education Regulations, 2007 – Implementation for.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of guidelines on Section 2 (a) to 2 (i) of the Continuing Dental Education Regulations, 2007 as approved by the General Body of the Dental Council of India at its Meeting held on 25th & 26th April, 2008 for your information, guidance and implementation with effect from 1/6/2008. A copy of the Self Assessment form is also enclosed for guidance. The developments / outcome in the matter may also be intimated to the Dental Council of India from time to time.

2. You are further requested to give wide publicity in the interest of maintain the highest standard of dental education and to bring it at par with the international standard.

3. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Maj. Gen. [Retd.] Dr. P.N.Awasthi)

Secretary

Dental Council of India

Encl: As above

CC:-

1. Shri Raj Singh, Under Secretary to the Govt. of Indian, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. Of Health – DE Section), Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110011 – for information and necessary action.

2. The President, Dental Council of India, New Delhi.

3. DE-73-2008

DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

Guidelines on Section 2 (a) to 2 (i) on
Continuation Dental Education Regulation, 2007
As approved by the General Body of the
Dental Council of India at its meeting
held on 25th & 26th April, 2008.

1. Uniform initial registration fees of Rs. 1200/- and a renewal fees of Rs. 200/- per annum or Rs. 1000/- for 5 years for registration with respective State dental Councils.
2. A system of Continuing Dental Education be introduced for dental Surgeons registered and to be registered within the sovereign Republic of India.
3. The said requirement of mandatory CDE points would be a prerequisite to being registered and licensed to pursue the Profession of Dentistry in India.
4. All registered Dental Surgeons would need to accomplish 100 points in 5 years (20 points of CDE per year). Out of these 20; 4 CDE points per year would be mandatory and verifiable.

It will be essential to achieve a minimum 15 and a maximum of 25 points a year.

5. CDE programme would commence from 01 June 2008 and all dental surgeons registered to date on the rolls of the State Dental Councils would be subjected to these requirements.
6. And that for this period the implementation would be on a voluntary self assessment format with each Dental Surgeons submitting a self assessment Proforma at the end of each year to the State Dental Council and being subject to a random audit.
7. And the DCI would develop a system of programme approval and identify CDE providers keeping in mind the geographical needs and accessibility of majority Dental Surgeons to such programmes with a view to improve the practice and general standards of Dentistry in India.
8. And that the said programme would be periodically reviewed.

Further, the following provisions of section 2 (a) to 2 (i) of the Continuing Dental Education Regulation, 2007 is reproduced herewith for your ready reference:-

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"2. Continuing Dental Education / Dental Education in India in Global Perspective:

(a) The demographic profile of India is transitioning to a low birth, low death rate with the population set to plateau at 1.6 billion. The age related profile of the population is set to change by 2016 with a decrease in the group below 15 years of age but with a proportionate increase in the adult age groups up to 60 years and above 60 years. The changing demographic profile is necessarily accompanied by changing disease patterns,

increasing levels of education and health awareness, more health spending by the Individual as well as the government. The patient centered and evidence based model of health care is becoming apparent in the Indian Context. The emergence of India as one the lead power house of economic growth and development in a globalize economy has led to a critical appraisal of the dental health care and educational scenario both from the public as well as the policy planners and the apex regulatory body, the DCI.

(b) While the Dentist population ratio has been steadily improving due to the exponential growth of Dental Institutions of higher learning, the rapid pace of technological and scientific advances the looming threat of HIV / Aids, Hepatitis and risks of cross contamination in the dental clinic clearly mandate a system of continuing dental education to keep the Dental practitioner current in terms of knowledge and skills, thereby enhancing standards of care as well as projecting the Indian Dental Education and Health care system onto a global model.

(c) The Council also proposes the implementation of a point system for Continuing Dental Education for all registered practitioners under the Dentists Act for an initial period of 5 years to be effective w.e.f. 01 June 2008 and to be reviewed subsequently at the end of this period.

(d) The Dental Council of India recommends a total credit of 150 points over a period of 5 years, with a minimum of 20 points a year and not exceeding a maximum of 50 points annually. This will include a mandatory 10 points for asepsis and infection control and 5 points for dental jurisprudence over a period of 5 years. One credit point would be equivalent to one hour of CDE in conformance with prevailing international norms.

(e) The award of credit points would be as follows:

i.	Full day lecture or conference	6 CDE Points
ii.	Half Day lecture or workshop	3 CDE Points
iii.	Evening product introduction / lecture business meeting.	2 CDE Points
iv.	45 min lecture with 15 min Q & A	1 CDE point

(f) The CDE providers would fall into 2 categories:

i. All DCI recognized Govt. Bodies, Armed Forces would receive a blanket approval for award of CDE points by the DCI.

ii. All others providers such as professional associations, national specialty organizations, corporate hospitals, and private professional bodies will need to apply to the DCI for award of CDE points for meetings and conferences held under their aegis and this approval will be valid for a period of 5 years, subject to review.

(g) The system of assessment is to be based on a self declaration format to be submitted to the respective Registrar of the State Dental Council every year by the practitioner in which he or she would detail the number of credit hours achieved in this period and a signed declaration of submission of proof of attendance in terms of certificates of participation, registration receipts etc. if required. A random audit system would be used to monitor the implementation.

(h) The DCI also envisages the creation of a central registry and national data base of all registered practitioners in a phased manner on an electronic media base to further the implementation of a process of relicensing and revalidation.

(j) The CDE implementation would be valid for a period of 5 years for each dentist and will be reviewed at the end of this period."

Sd/-
(Maj. Gen. [Retd.] Dr. P.N.Awasthi)
Secretary
Dental Council of India

Delhi State Dental Council Registration / Renewal / CDE Assessment Form

Name:

Father's Name

Date of Birth:

Degree:

Date of Registration:

Date of Renewal:

Self Assessment Format for CDEs

(Minimum mandatory CDE requirements by DCI for registration renewal: 100 points in five years (20 points of CDE per year). Out of these 20; 4 CDE points per years would be mandatory and verifiable pertaining to asepsis, infection control and basic life support.

Assessment year:

1. Have you fulfilled the mandatory CDE requirements for the above mentioned years? Yes / No
2. If required can you submit necessary documentary proof in support of the verifiable CDE points? Yes / No
3. Please indicate the total number of points achieved in the above mentioned year:

Signature

Dated: