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TECH TALK

Tech Talk is provided as a resource to keep you informed of College activities.

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COLLEGE MANDATE:

It is the duty of the College at all times to serve and protect the public, and to exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities under all enactments in the public interest.

NEW COLLEGE ADDRESS

Please note that the College office moved to Vancouver in September.
The new contact information is :

College of Dental Technicians of BC
900 - 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 1S4
Phone: 604-742-6561

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Registrants are hereby given notice that there will be an election to fill a vacancy of an elected Dental Technician member of the Board. The term of office of an elected member is three (3) years. The new member's term will begin on May 2, 2019.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Nominations must be received by the Registrar **by no later than:**

JANUARY 31, 2019.

- Each nomination must be signed by the nominator and one [1] additional registrant, and must be endorsed with the acceptance of the nominated registrant.
- The nominator, the nominated registrant and the additional registrant supporting the nomination, must be all registrants in *good standing*.
- A registrant may nominate a maximum of two [2] eligible registrants.

NOTE: Nominations received after January 31, 2019 are not valid under the Bylaws and as such cannot be accepted by the Registrar.

The Board would like to encourage registrants to participate in the nomination and election process, and to consider running for election. Board membership is both an engaging and a challenging experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any of the current Board Members or the Registrar about the function and activities of the College and their duties as an elected Board Member. Please also refer to the *Health Professions Act* and the Dental Technician Bylaws for further information about serving on the College Board.



Click



to download a Nomination Form, or visit our website.

Registration Renewal Notice

The College's renewal system will be going "live" in late January. Are you ready to renew your 2019 registration?



Renewal notices and instructions on how to complete your renewal online will be sent to all registrants before the end of January. Please note that the College Bylaws require registrants to keep their contact information up-to-date.

This information includes providing the College with a unique, valid email address. If the College doesn't have your current contact information, you will not receive important notices. This means your registration with the College could be cancelled if you do not renew on time and you may lose your right to practice dental technology!

Renewal Fees - NO INCREASE FOR 2019-20

The College expects that there will be some reduction in overall operating expenses in the coming year as a result of the relocation of the office to its new location. The Board has therefore decided to maintain the current fee structure for the 2019-2020 registration year.

NOTE: In order for the College to process your renewal as a Dental Technician, registrants must ensure they are in compliance with all the requirements of the Bylaws which includes having:

- renewed their professional liability insurance (before it expires!)
- completed a new Criminal Record Check (CRC) if applicable (required every 5 years)
- completed and submitted the renewal application form (online or paper) before the deadline
- paid the required renewal fee.

2019 - 2020 Renewal Fees

Registered Dental Technician	\$775.00
Non-Practicing RDT	\$360.00
Dental Technician Assistant	\$325.00
Dental Technician Student	No Fee

QA Program Update

As of March 1st, 2017, the College launched a new Quality Assurance (QA) Program to coincide with the start of the new 3-year Continuing Education Cycle.

The Self-Assessment Questionnaire is part of the QA Program and is designed for RDTs as a tool to identify ways to better their professional practice, ensuring that their clients are receiving quality dental technology services. After some adjustments to the initial draft of the questionnaire, CDTBC now wants to ensure that RDTs find it effective and applicable in actual practice. Feedback about this aspect of the QA Program is important as we continue to explore ways of promoting life-long learning among our professional registrants and strive to ensure the provision of better dental healthcare to the public.

CDTBC registrants are now being provided with the Self-Assessment Questionnaire as part of the program's development process, and as a way to further explore his/her practice knowledge. The questions are based on the College's Standards of Practice. Completion and return of this self-assessment questionnaire during the pilot-testing phase of development will earn the RDT 2 CE points.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to CDTBC by mail to #900 – 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 1S4, by fax at 604-899-0794 or by email at info@cdtbc.ca.

The self-assessment questionnaire encourages you to think critically about how effectively you are meeting the set standards for dental technology. Answering honestly may assist you identifying possible areas of development, leading to making better choices when choosing CE courses.

All RDTs are required to participate in the CDTBC's Quality Assurance Program. CDTBC is mandated by the Ministry of Health to establish a Quality Assurance Program that "promotes high standards of practice".

To ensure that British Columbians are receiving the highest quality of care, it is important that those professionals providing healthcare reflect on their knowledge and practice to identify areas of growth and learn about advancements that may be made in their field of practice.

OFFICE UPDATE

Office Closure

The College office will be closed for
the holidays from
December 24, 2018
To
January 1, 2019



Merry Christmas
and
Happy Holidays!



Update re: Access to Dental Technology Project

The ADT Project is now into its second year of funding, and work is progressing on several of the major deliverables set out in the project.

Thank you to those who took the time to participate in the Validation Survey of the draft of a new Competency Profile for dental technology practice in Canada. Your responses were very helpful in moving this badly needed revision forward.

The Alliance has also been working with representatives from the dental technology programs across the country to identify an education benchmark for dental technician training programs. Once completed, it will serve as a minimum standard for “approved programs” in Canada to meet. It will also provide a consistent way for Colleges to assess an international applicant’s education, regardless of where it was received.

Moving forward, we will be looking at options for the standardization of assessment processes for initial registration in all jurisdictions in Canada. We will also be developing a web-based tool for pre-arrival self-assessment that individuals can use when considering immigrating to Canada.

There will be further opportunities for you to participate in this project, so watch for future emails!

Registrar’s Message

The College has been very busy over the last year with work on several significant projects. The move to the new office was a monumental task for staff, which included months of sorting through thousands of documents to either be scanned or put in secure off-site storage. This was necessary due to the limited dedicated office space we have in the new College Hub compared to what we had in Richmond. The move to our new “shared, open-concept” office was in September and we are enjoying the collaborative opportunities we have working in the same location as several other Colleges. While there is always stress associated with a major change like this one was, the staff and I agree that it was the best decision for the College in the long-term.

We are continuing to work toward the goals set out in the Board’s Strategic Plan of Priorities, including building better relationships with other dental health regulators, the DTABC, and the Ministry of Health. Two of the ways we are accomplishing these goals was the establishment of a Liaison Committee to meet with the College of Dental Surgeons, and by participating in a joint working group of the BC Health Regulators and the Ministry of Health.

Continuing Education Reminder



Registrants remain current in practice through
Continuing Education

February 28, 2019 will be the end of the second year of the three-year Continuing Education Cycle.

The Bylaws require all Registered Dental Technicians to obtain 30 Continuing Education Credits in each cycle in order to maintain their registration with the College.

There are only 14 more months to complete the 30 hours of Continuing Education Credits you will need in order to renew your licence in 2020!