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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

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REGULATORY BYLAW UPDATES

The Saskatchewan Minister of Health has recently approved amendments to the College of Dental Hygienists of Saskatchewan **Regulatory Bylaws**, which have now been published in The Saskatchewan Gazette and effectively come into force on July 11, 2025. Registrants are encouraged to review the Regulatory Bylaws in their entirety; however, for convenience we would like to provide a summary of the changes.

Key objectives addressed in the revisions include:

- Modernization of terminology
 - o Member to Registrant
 - o Association to College
- Clarity on registration requirements
- Currency requirements for initial registration
- Updating or removing named agencies
- Compliance with evolved processes

The following provides details of the revisions made and the potential impact they may have on you.

Section 41 was revised to update the named agency for recognizing dental hygiene education programs to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), formerly referred to as Canadian Dental Association. In addition, revisions were made to clarify the necessity to notarize documents for new applicants, to require currency in licensure for labor mobility and reinstatement applicants, to require new graduates to make application within two years of graduation, and to include general requirements related to fitness to practice.

Impact Statement: This revision does not have an impact on current registrants. The revisions may impact new or returning applicants to the College.

Section 43 was revised to remove the requirement for registrants to display their certificate of registration in a conspicuous place at their place of practice. This provision was removed due to the implementation of a Public Registry to verify the license of a dental hygienist on the College's website. A new provision requires registrants to inform the College of change to legal name, address, and place of employment, of additional education that permits authorized practices and the responsibility to ensure information is accurate on the public registry.

Impact Statement: This revision means you are no longer required to display your registration certificate in your place of practice. It is now considered a requirement to practice that you inform the College of the information above.

Section 52 was revised to be consistent with current processes of the Continuing Competency Program and to remove the opportunity to take licensing examinations in lieu of obtaining continuing education credits. This opportunity was not being used by registrants, and therefore it was no longer feasible to maintain the exam.

In addition, the provision requiring the Registrar to provide registrants with a record of their continuing competency once annually was modified as registrants now have access to their continuing education record using the registrant portal.

Impact Statement: It is unlikely that this revision will have an impact on you. If you had planned on taking a licensing exam in lieu of obtaining continuing education credits, this opportunity is no longer available.

Section 54 was revised to remove the agencies named in the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

Impact Statement: At this time this revision does not have an impact on you. We continue to adopt the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice set out by the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association. The revision may impact you if the Council chooses to approve alternative documents. If this were to occur, you would be informed of such a change.

If you have any questions regarding the revisions made to the Regulatory Bylaws, please email <u>registrar@cdhsk.ca</u>.

ADMINISTRATIVE BYLAW UPDATES

As shared by email on June 13, 2025, revisions to the Administrative Bylaws were approved by the Council and have now come into force. The full <u>Administrative Bylaws</u> can be viewed on the College website.

Key objectives addressed in the revisions include:

- Modernization of terminology
 - o Member to Registrant
 - o Association to College
 - o President to Chair
- Enable an appointment-based process to the Council
- Increase transparency

If you have any questions regarding the revisions made to the Administrative Bylaws, please email <u>registrar@cdhsk.ca</u>.

COUNCIL UPDATES

On May 10th, 2025, the Council met in-person for a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Highlights of this meeting include; approval of the revised Administrative and Regulatory Bylaws, policy review and development, and the approval of the 2025/2026 Budget.

BEFORE YOU RENEW, HERE'S WHAT TO DO!

- If you obtain your Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) through membership with the CDHA, you <u>must</u> renew your membership with the CDHA prior to renewing your license with the College.
- If you obtain your Professional Liability Insurance from another provider, please confirm that your policy is compliant with the College's <u>Professional Liability Policy</u> before renewal.
- If you are in the 2022-2025 Continuing Competency reporting period, you must have met all requirements of the CCP before you are eligible to renew. We strongly recommend that you review your continuing competency record to ensure you are on track to meet all requirements.
- Renewal will open on September 15th, 2025.
- Renewal must be completed with payment before October 20th, 2025, to avoid the late fee.
- If you do not plan on renewing your license, please inform us by email <u>admin@cdhsk.ca</u>.
- Step-by-step instructions on renewal can be viewed <u>here</u>.

OFFICE INFORMATION

If you are planning a visit to the College office, we want to ensure we are able to greet you. We encourage you to arrange an appointment or call ahead before visiting. Street parking is available and access to the building can be granted using the buzz code: 0006.

On behalf of the College and Council, we hope you have a great summer!