

Existing Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw	Rationale
<p><b>SECTION 43</b> <b>REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTISE:</b></p> <p>(1) In order to practise as a dental hygienist in the province of Saskatchewan a person must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) be registered with the College as a full or restricted registrant; and</li> <li>(b) hold a current full or conditional licence to practise; or</li> <li>(c) temporary permit to practise.</li> </ul>	No change	
<p><b>NEW</b></p>	<p>(2) A dental hygienist, other than a dental hygienist who meets the requirements of subsection (3), is required to meet the following requirements in order to practise dental hygiene in Saskatchewan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) hold a full license;</li> <li>(b) hold current CPR certificate with AED and oxygen therapy training;</li> <li>(c) provide proof of greater than or equal to 3000 hours of clinical experience;</li> <li>(d) provide evidence of competency in business acumen;</li> <li>(e) hold commercial general liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million or more;</li> <li>(f) submit an application form to the College demonstrating compliance with (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), providing information about the practice which the dental hygienist intends to engage in and demonstrating that the dental hygienist has</li> </ul>	<p>This new bylaw provision sets out additional requirements for dental hygienists to independently practise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The College is of the opinion that to provide comprehensive dental hygiene care, a dental hygienist must be qualified to administer local anesthesia. The license category necessary to administer local anesthesia is a full license.</li> <li>(b) All practising dental hygienists are required to take CPR level C a minimum of once in a three-year reporting period. In the event a dental hygienist is practising</li> </ul>

	<p>necessary policies and procedures in place to provide safe and effective dental hygiene care;</p> <p>(g) participate in an inspection of the facility and/or equipment which will be used in connection with the practice, if required by the College; and,</p> <p>(h) receive approval from the College to engage in the independent practice of dental hygiene as set out in the application in paragraph (f) and, if applicable, paragraph (g).</p>	<p>independently the College sees it to be necessary for that dental hygienist to have enhanced training in managing medical emergencies.</p> <p>(c) The College sees it as necessary for dental hygienists to have experience in a controlled employment setting before practising independently. The 3000-hour clinical experience requirement is modelled after a historical process for self-initiation in Ontario and Nova Scotia. In some jurisdictions clinical experience is highly recommended before practising independently. (<a href="#">ACDH- Considerations for Dental Hygiene Practice Owners</a>)</p> <p>(d) In 2020, the pan-Canadian Entry-to-Practice Competencies for Dental Hygienists were revised to include business acumen. For this reason, the College sees it necessary to ensure dental hygienists have addressed this competency through additional learning, particularly if they obtained their education prior to the time this was implemented in their education program.</p> <p>(e) All practising dental hygienists are required to have professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million dollars per occurrence. The College sees that it is a common requirement</p>
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<b>NEW</b>	<p>(3) A dental hygienist is not required to meet the requirements of paragraph (2) if that dental hygienist:</p> <p>(a) practices solely as an employee of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental therapist; or</p> <p>(b) practices solely in a facility owned by a dentist or a dental professional corporation; or</p>	<p>The College sees it as reasonable to only require the additional requirements in provision (2) for dental hygienists that are not practicing as an employee of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental therapist, or in a facility owned by a dentist, or for a person or organization that employs or has established</p>

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<p>(2) Registrants must inform the College within thirty (30) days of change to;</p> <p>(a) Legal name;</p> <p>(b) Mailing and electronic address; and</p> <p>(c) Place of employment.</p>	Reformat Numbering (4)	
(3) Registrants must respond to all correspondence from the College to which a reply is required within thirty (30) days, unless another date is stipulated.	Reformat Numbering (5)	
(4) Registrants must receive permission from the College prior to delivering authorized practices that require additional approved education programs.	Reformat Numbering (6)	
(5) Verification of registrant's registration and licensure status is held in an electronic format made publicly available on the College website. Registrants must inform the College of any discrepancy in the information recorded.	Reformat Numbering (7)	