

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

DENTISTS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982

No.29 of 1982

This amending ordinance is part of a uniform scheme which is to be applicable to all the health professions registration Ordinances in the Australian Capital Territory. Under this scheme annual registration under uniform conditions will be introduced for all registered health professions together with provisional, temporary and special registration also on a uniform basis.

Unlike some of the other ordinances the Dentists Registration Ordinance 1931 which provides for the registration of dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists already requires registered persons to notify the Dental Board established under the Ordinance of their addresses and pay an annual fee and provisions for this purpose were therefore not included in the amending Ordinance.

The Chairman of the Dental Board may grant provisional registration to a person who has lodged an application for registration as a dentist. Provisional registration lasts for a maximum period of 3 months and terminates when the Board makes a decision on the application for registration.

The amending Ordinance has replaced the previous provision for temporary permits for dentists not registered in the Australian Capital Territory but registered elsewhere in Australia who wish to practise on a locum tenens basis in the Territory. The amending Ordinance introduces temporary registration for dentists in a form consistent with amendments to the other health professions registration ordinances. It is limited to 3 months renewable for a further 3 months but subject to a limit of 6 months in any 24 month period.



Special registration is available to dentists who are entitled to practise outside Australia and who are visiting the Territory in connection with research into or dissemination of knowledge of the theory and practice of dentistry. Application must be made by an educational institution or appropriate professional association. The Board may grant special registration for a maximum period of one year, renewable for one year and subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Board thinks fit. All types of registration are subject to fees prescribed in regulations.

New provision has been made for certificates of registration and the issue of duplicate certificates where a certificate has been lost or destroyed. There is provision for the notification of changes of address, for the alteration of Registers, for inspecting Registers and for obtaining certified copies of entries in a Register. Fees for these matters are prescribed in Regulations. Consequential amendment of the appeal provisions in the Ordinance has been necessary.

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