



Position Statement

Students performing Restricted Activities

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Position

Students¹ who are not actively participating in a practicum or clinical course, within the educational program, may not perform restricted activities in the context of denturism practice. It is the College's interpretation that this is the intent of section 16(1) of the *Denturists Profession Regulation*.

Students, may however, perform many aspects of denturism practice which are not considered restricted activities such as any appropriate communication with patients and laboratory work.

This is applicable to students:

- who are not actively in a practicum or clinical course, and
- who are between program semesters.

Background

The *Denturists Profession Regulation* outlines the restricted activities which registered denturists are authorized to perform. These include:

14 Regulated members may, in the practice of denturism and in accordance with the standards of practice, perform the following restricted activities:

- (a) prescribe or fit
 - (i) a removable partial or complete denture, or
 - (ii) a fixed or removable implant supported prosthesis that replaces 2 or more teeth;
- (b) perform an invasive procedure on body tissue below the mucous membrane or in or below the surface of teeth if the procedure does not alter natural dentition;
- (c) insert and remove instruments, devices and fingers into an artificial opening of the mouth;
- (d) reduce a dislocation of a temporomandibular joint for the purposes of reducing a subluxation of the temporomandibular joint;
- (e) order any form of ionizing radiation in medical radiography.

AR 186/2002 s14;269/2009

Further, s. 16(1) of the *Denturists Profession Regulation* states

16(1) A student who is enrolled in a denturist program approved by the Council or an internship program approved by the Council may perform the restricted

¹ A student is an individual enrolled in an approved denturist technology program and actively participating in a practicum or clinical course within the duration of that approved program's practicum or clinical course.



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activities set out in section 14 with the consent of and under the supervision of a regulated member².

While students are actively participating in practicum or clinical courses they are covered under the errors and omissions (professional liability) insurance policy of the educational institute that they are currently attending. Outside the confines of the program (i.e., between semesters), students are not covered under these policies. Additionally, should a student be performing restricted activities within the practice environment of a regulated member outside the practicum, they may not be covered under the errors and omissions policy of that regulated member. Further, should an issue arise within the clinic of that regulated member as a result of the actions of the student, it is perceivable that the regulated member's insurance policy may be nullified.

² A regulated member is the designated regulated member as assigned by the approved denturist technology program to supervise the student in the approved program's practicum or clinical course.