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POLICY

The College of Alberta Denturists position is that a denturist must maintain currency of practice in order to be registered with the College.

The College of Alberta Denturists defines practice as per Section 3 of Schedule 8 of the *Health Professions Act* which is as follows:

In their practice, denturists do one or more of the following:

- (a) assess, diagnose and treat persons missing some or all of their natural teeth,*
- (b) design construct, repair, alter and fit any complete or partial denture for the purpose of restoring and maintaining function and appearance, and*
- (b.1) teach, manage and conduct research in the science, techniques and practice of denturism, and*
- (c) provide restricted activities authorized by the regulations.*

Currency of Practice

In order to be considered to have currency of practice for registration purposes, an applicant to the College must meet at least one of the following:

For registration on the general register, the applicant

1. for initial registration, must have completed the registration examination approved by Council with the two years immediately preceding the date the Registrar receives a complete application.
2. for initial registration or at renewal, must have attained a minimum of 1200 practice hours in the immediately preceding five registration years.
3. has provided evidence to the Registrar or Registration Committee that the applicant is competent to practice as a denturist.
4. must have graduated, within the two immediately preceding years, from an approved program.

For registration on the provisional register, the applicant

1. must have graduated, within the two immediately preceding years, from an approved program
2. has provided evidence (e.g., skill assessment) to the Registrar or Registration Committee that the applicant is competent to practice as a denturist.

DEFINITIONS

none

APPENDICES

none

REFERENCES

Government of Alberta. (2001). *Health Professions Act*. Alberta, Author. Available at: <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/H07.pdf>.

Government of Alberta. (2002). *Health Professions Act – Denturists Profession Regulation*. Alberta, Author. Available at: http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2002_186.pdf

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