

Passage of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024

The Dentists Registration (Amendment) Bill 2024 (“the Bill”) was passed at the Legislative Council on 10 July 2024.

The Bill introduced into the Legislative Council to –

- (a) provide new pathways for admission of qualified non-locally trained dentists to practise in specified institutions;
- (b) introduce a provisional registration mechanism for an internship requirement for local dental graduates and a period of assessment requirement for non-locally trained dentists who have passed the Licensing Examination of the Dental Council of Hong Kong (“the Council”);
- (c) introduce a statutory registration system for ancillary dental workers including dental hygienists and dental therapists, which will be retitled as dental care professionals (“DenCPs”);
- (d) make continuing professional development mandatory for dentists and DenCPs;
- (e) revamp the composition and structure of the Council; and
- (f) make other technical amendments to bring the operation of the Council and regulatory regime of various dental professions up-to-date.

The amendments will come into operation on the day(s) to be appointed by the Secretary for Health by notice published in the Gazette.

Please note that relevant details of the amendments including application for the different types of registration of dentist in Hong Kong will be promulgated at the Council’s website in due course. Registered dentists in Hong Kong will receive a “Letter to All Dentists” from the Council drawing their particular attention to issues concerned at a later time.

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