

Understanding Your Dental Hygienist's Registration

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Territorial acknowledgement

The offices of BCCOHP are located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish and Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, represented today by the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. Acknowledging the territories and the original stewards of these lands is a fundamental responsibility of our organization and in keeping with our commitment to support the provision of safe, effective, culturally sensitive oral health care for British Columbians.

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A quick guide to the new registration classifications

Registered Dental Hygienist (C)

A dental hygienist registered in this class is authorized to perform the full Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice, including the administration of local anesthesia.

Registered Dental Hygienist

A dental hygienist registered in this class is authorized to perform the full Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice with the exception of local anesthesia administration.

Dental Hygiene Practitioner (C)

A dental hygienist registered in this class is authorized to perform the Full Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice including the administration of local anesthesia. Only dental hygienists registered in this category can own and operate private dental hygiene practice.

Non-Practicing

A dental hygienist registered in this class is not authorized to perform direct client care until they upgrade to a practicing category.

For more information on registration, please visit the [Registration Classifications page on the BCCOHP website.](#)