

PART 7 – CERTIFICATION

Certification applications

- 7.01** Every licensee applying for a certification under this Part, including renewal or reinstatement of a certification, must submit to the registrar
- (a) a completed application for a certification in the form and manner ordered by the registrar,
 - (b) the full amount of all applicable application and certification fees specified in Schedule “X”, and
 - (c) any additional information or records that the registrar requests or orders the licensee to provide.

Certification of dental hygienists for administration of local anesthesia

- 7.02** (1) A dental hygienist must not administer a Schedule I or II drug by injection or topical application for the purpose of providing oral local anaesthesia unless the dental hygienist is
- (a) a dental hygienist licensee who is granted and maintains a current certification under this section, or
 - (b) a temporary licensee in the designated health profession of dental hygiene, who is
 - (i) authorized to administer local anesthesia in the jurisdiction referred to in section 6.16(1)(a)(i), and
 - (ii) a faculty member or instructor for a recognized local anesthesia certification program or local anesthesia refresher course referred to in subsection (2)(b)(i) or section 7.05(2)(a).
- (2) The licence committee must grant a dental hygienist licensee a certification to administer local anesthesia under this section if, in addition to the items required under section 7.01, the dental hygienist licensee submits to the registrar
- (a) information or records, or both, evidencing that the dental hygienist licensee has successfully completed
 - (i) a recognized local anesthesia certification program, or
 - (ii) a course or program in local anesthesia that, for the purposes of this section, the licence committee determines is substantially equivalent to a recognized local anesthesia certification program, and
 - (b) if more than 5 years have elapsed since the dental hygienist licensee completed a course or program described in paragraph (a), evidence satisfactory to the licence committee that the licensee has, within the past 5 years,

- (i) successfully completed a local anesthesia refresher course approved by the licence committee, or another course or program considered by the licence committee to be substantially equivalent, or
- (ii) been authorized in another Canadian jurisdiction to administer local anesthesia.

Certification of full dentist licensees as certified specialists

- 7.03** (1) The board may recognize areas of special interest within the practice of dentistry as recognized specialties for the purpose of this Part and for the purpose of licensure as a limited (restricted-to-specialty) dentist licensee under sections 6.03(1)(a)(i) and 6.06.
- (2) The licence committee must grant a certification as a certified specialist in a recognized specialty to a full dentist licensee who
- (a) applies to the college for a certification as a certified specialist in the recognized specialty, and
 - (b) satisfies the licence committee that the full dentist licensee meets the conditions or requirements for a certification as a certified specialist in the recognized specialty under subsection (3) or (4) and under subsection (6).
- (3) A full dentist licensee applying for a certification as a certified specialist in a recognized specialty must
- (a) successfully complete an assessment in the recognized specialty specified by the licence committee, and
 - (b) submit to the registrar
 - (i) credentials confirming the licensee holds a degree or equivalent qualification in the recognized specialty from
 - (A) a recognized specialty program, or
 - (B) a program in the recognized specialty at a post-secondary educational institution that, in the opinion of the licence committee, is equivalent to a recognized specialty program,
 - (ii) information or records, or both, confirming the licensee's successful completion of the assessment referred to in paragraph (a),
 - (iii) the declaration prescribed in Schedule "X" that is applicable to a certification as a certified specialist, and
 - (iv) a letter in the form and manner ordered by the registrar, dated within 60 days of the date of the licensee's application, from each applicable extrajurisdictional regulator in every jurisdiction where the licensee is or was, at any time, certified or otherwise recognized as a specialist in the specialty,
 - (A) confirming the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, the specialty in that jurisdiction has not been

cancelled, suspended or subject to any practice restrictions, limits or conditions relevant to the practice of the specialty in British Columbia, or if it has, providing particulars of any such cancellation, suspension or practice restrictions, limits or conditions,

- (B) confirming there is no investigation, review or other proceeding underway in that jurisdiction that could result in the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, the specialty being cancelled, suspended or subject to any practice restrictions, limits or conditions relevant to the practice of the specialty in British Columbia, or if there is, providing particulars of any such investigation, review or other proceeding, and
 - (C) confirming the licensee's entitlement to practise dentistry or the specialty has not been voluntarily surrendered in that jurisdiction with the effect of preventing the commencement or completion of an investigation, review or other proceeding that could have resulted in the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, the specialty being cancelled, suspended or subject to any practice restrictions, limits or conditions relevant to the practice of the specialty in British Columbia, or if it has, providing particulars of any such surrender,
 - (v) payment of any outstanding amount owed or owing by the licensee to the college, and
 - (vi) the items required under sections 7.01.
- (4) Despite subsection (3), a full dentist licensee may be granted a certification as a certified specialist in a recognized specialty if the licensee
- (a) submits to the registrar information or records, or both, confirming the licensee holds a licence or registration in another Canadian jurisdiction as the equivalent of a full dentist licensee, and is certified or otherwise recognized in that jurisdiction as the equivalent of a certified specialist in the recognized specialty, and
 - (b) meets the requirements under subsection (3)(a) and (b)(iii), (v) and (vi).
- (5) Despite subsections (2) to (4), the licence committee may refuse to grant a full dentist licensee a certification as a certified specialist if the licence committee determines, after giving the licensee an opportunity to be heard, that
- (a) the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, a recognized specialty or its equivalent has been cancelled or suspended at some time in British Columbia or in another jurisdiction,
 - (b) an investigation, review or other proceeding is underway in British Columbia or in another jurisdiction that could result in the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, a recognized specialty or its equivalent being cancelled or suspended, or

- (c) the applicant's entitlement to practise dentistry, or to practise a recognized specialty or its equivalent, has been voluntarily surrendered in British Columbia or in another jurisdiction with the effect of preventing the commencement or completion of an investigation, review or other proceeding that could have resulted in the licensee's certification or recognition in, or entitlement to practise, the recognized specialty or its equivalent being cancelled or suspended.

Renewal of certification

- 7.04** (1) A certification under this Part expires on March 31 immediately following the date it was granted or last renewed.
- (2) On or before the expiration date specified in subsection (1), a licensee applying for renewal of a certification must
- (a) apply for and be granted renewal of a licence under section 6.24 and either section 43 or 52 of the Act, and
 - (b) submit to the registrar
 - (i) information or records, or both, confirming the licensee's completion of any applicable continuing competency requirements specified by the licence committee for renewal of a certification, and
 - (ii) the items required under sections 7.01.
- (3) The licence committee must renew the certification of a licensee who meets the requirements of subsection (2).
- (4) The registrar must publish on the college website any continuing competency requirements specified by the licence committee under subsection (2)(b).

Reinstatement of certification

- 7.05** (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) and to any limits or conditions imposed on a licensee's licence under the Act, the licence committee may reinstate a certification previously granted to the licensee under this Part or by a former college if the licensee submits to the registrar
- (a) the items required under section 7.01,
 - (b) any additional information or records the registrar requests or orders the licensee to provide for the purpose of confirming the licence remains eligible for certification under section 7.02 or 7.03, as applicable.
- (2) If, at the time a dental hygienist licensee applies for reinstatement of a previous certification under subsection (1), more than 5 years have elapsed since the licensee ceased to hold the certification, the licence must submit to the registrar information or records, or both, confirming the licensee has, within the past 5 years,
- (a) successfully completed a local anesthesia refresher course approved by the licence committee, or another course or program considered by the licence committee to be equivalent, or

- (b) been authorized in another Canadian jurisdiction to administer local anesthesia,
- (3) If, because of limits or conditions imposed on the licence of a licensee applying for reinstatement of a certification, that certification was previously cancelled, suspended or subject to limits or conditions, the licensee must submit to the registrar, in addition to the items required under subsections (1), any information or records the registrar requests or orders the licensee to provide for the purpose of confirming that reinstatement of the registrant's certification will not pose an undue risk to public health or safety.

Reconsideration

- 7.06**
- (1) If the licence committee refuses to issue, renew or reinstate a licensee's certification, the licensee may apply in accordance section 381 of the Act for a reconsideration by the licence committee.
 - (2) A licensee applying for a reconsideration under subsection (1) must submit to the registrar a completed application for reconsideration
 - (a) in the form and manner ordered by the registrar, and
 - (b) within 30 days of the date on which the applicant received notice of the licence committee's decision refusing to issue, renew or reinstate the licensee's certification.
 - (3) Sections 12.16 and 12.17 and sections 382 and 383 of the Act apply to an application for reconsideration submitted under subsection (1) and the hearing in respect of that application.
 - (4) The hearing under section 382(6)(a) of the Act to reconsider a decision from the licence committee refusing to issue, renew or reinstate a licensee's certification must be conducted by written submissions only, unless the registrar determines there are exceptional circumstances requiring a different form of hearing.