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Chair, Dental Board of Australia
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By email

Dear Dr Lockwood

CONSULTATION DRAFTS - PROPOSED REGISTRATION STANDARDS:
SECTION 66 – LIMITED REGISTRATION FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING OR SUPERVISED PRACTICE
SECTION 68 – LIMITED REGISTRATION IN PUBLIC INTEREST
SECTION 69 – LIMITED REGISTRATION FOR TEACHING OR RESEARCH

The Queensland Board of the Dental Board of Australia advises that it has noted the abovenamed proposed registration standards provided by the Dental Board of Australia and is pleased to provide the following comments:

Section 66 Registration Standard – Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice

1. Summary (and footnote) – Relevant Board Standards, Codes and Guidelines (and footnote) - to maintain the tone of the document, replace wording of reference to Guidelines that do not exist
2. Pathway B - Postgraduate Training – replace sections 4-6 with ‘All other requirements for registration need to be met’
3. Pathway B - Postgraduate Training – reformat section 7 to delete ‘A:’
4. Relevant Board Standards, Codes and Guidelines – final dot point – also include ‘and a declaration (at initial application and renewal of registration) of infection status for blood-borne viruses
5. Definitions – Approved postgraduate program of study – whether it is intended that the Registration Standard is not applicable to those postgraduate courses that do not lead to specialist registration.

Section 68 Registration Standard - Limited registration in public interest

1. Requirements – section 6 – it is essential to also include provision for supervision of dental therapists and dental hygienists by dentists and dental specialists who are not registered in the division in which the applicant is seeking limited registration (if the applicant is a dental therapist or a dental hygienist).

Section 69 Registration Standard – Limited registration for teaching or research

1. Noted without comment.

The Queensland Board hopes this is of assistance

Yours sincerely

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