

## Statement from the Dental Board of Australia

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### **Board issues guidance on when to be registered**

The Dental Board of Australia (the National Board) has decided not to change the definition of practice, and has instead issued guidance about when practitioners need to be registered.

The National Board consulted widely with the profession and the community on possible changes to the definition of practice referred to in a number of the Board's registration standards. The National Board would like to thank everyone who made a submission and provided feedback in the consultation process.

The consultation process drew out significant discussion and wide variation about the issues generated by the current definition. However, there was no consensus about the need for a change in the definition and no change proposed that did not also have unintended or unacceptable consequences.

Any change to the definition of practice would have required a change to each of the registration standards that currently reference the definition, which would in turn require the approval of all Australia's health ministers.

The National Board guidance advises the profession about when practitioners require registration and when it would be acceptable to the National Board for a practitioner to not be registered. The guidance will remain in place pending a wider review of all the registration standards, which is scheduled in 2013.

The statement can be found: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines/FAQ.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines/FAQ.aspx)