

# Dental Council of India

(CONSTITUTED UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT 1948)

No. DE – 159 – 2008/ A -9330

Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

To

1. The Registrar of all the State Dental Councils/Dentists Registration Tribunals
2. All the Directors of Medical education & Research in State & Union Territories.
3. The Registrars, All the Universities with which Dental Institutions are affiliated.
4. All the Heads of the recognized Dental Institutions are affiliated.
5. All the State Government/Union Territories (Health Deptt.)
6. All the Directors of Health Services in State and Union Territories.
7. The Director General of Health Sciences, Govt. Of India, New Delhi.

**Sub: Guidelines for implementation of the Continuing Dental Education Regulations 2007- Reg.**

**Ref: DCI Circular No. DE- 159-2008/A-1039 dated 2.5.2008**

Sir,

I am directed to invite your kind attention to DCI's Circular No. DE-159-2008/A-1039 dated 2.5.2008 whereby a copy of subject Continuing Dental Education Regulation, 2007 was sent to you for your information and guidance.

Now , the Central Government vide its letter No. V.12016/1/2006- DE dated 18.2.2009 has approved the guidelines is enclosed (Annexure – 'A' & 'B') for your kind perusal and ready reference, with a request that the CDE Programme as per enclosed guidelines (Annexure- 'A' & 'B') for your kind perusal and ready reference with a request that the CDE Programme as per enclosed guidelines (Annexure – 'A' & 'B') may kindly be implemented.

Further, I am directed to forward a copy of Office Memorandum dated 26.8.2008 received from the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (National Court of India has issued directives for enhancing the extent and efficiency of treatment administered to PLHAs and drawn the attention of all concerned towards the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The directives relating to dental treatment as mentioned at Sl. No 9 may kindly be kept in mind at the time of implementation the above guidelines for continuing dental education.

The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged immediately.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,  
Maj. Gen.(Retd. Dr.P.N. Awasthi)  
Secretary  
Dental Council of India

Copy to: -

1. Shri Raj Singh, Under Secretary to the Govt. Of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt. Of Health – DE Section), Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi – 110 011 – for information, w.r.t his letter No. V.12016/1/2006-DE dated 18.2.2009.
2. Shri J.P. Mehta, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, National AIDS Control Organisation, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chandralok Building,36 - Janpath, New Delhi – 110001- for information, w.r.t. his letter No. T-11020/29/1998-NACO Admn.(ART) dated 14.1.2009.

Maj. Gen.(Retd. Dr.P.N. Awasthi)  
Secretary  
Dental Council of India

CC:-

The President, Dental Council of India, New Delhi

# **Dental Council of India**

## **Guidelines for implementation of the Continuing Dental Education Regulation 2007)**

As approved by the Government of India vide its  
letter No. V.12016/1/2006-DE dated 18.2.2009)

The Government Regulation relating to the implementation of the Continuing Dental Education has already been circulated to all the concerned state Dental councils. It may be amplified that the initiative taken up by the DCI at the centre will need to be implemented in the 29 states of the Indian Republic through the active participation and cooperation of the State Dental Councils, duly assisted by the Directors of Medical Education of the respective states through the office of the DGHS, Govt of India.

In this regard the attention of the state dental councils is drawn to the fact that they may initiate necessary action with the state governments/legislature to bring about a uniform system of licensure and renewal which can then be merged with the CDE regulations.

The first cycle of implementation of the CDE process may be for a period of five years i.e. w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. The method of on-line registration of new dentists and renewal of the registration of the dentists in the States duly linked with the central body so that the data readily available is to be encouraged.

The first phase of implementation is voluntary and the State Dental Councils may please be advised that no Dentist should be debarred from registration or licensure in the event oh his or her not being able to accrue the necessary points in this period. Special attention may be directed to the dentists registered under Past B of the schedule. The intention is to encourage and promote CDE and not punish.

The DCI has taken up the matter with the DGHS, Min of H & FW to issue necessary directions to the Directors of Medical Education of the states to assist the state dental Councils in the creation of CDE program approval by the Regulations. They will also assist the State Dental Councils in organising the 4 verifiable hours of CDE.

The Constitution of the State program Approval Bodies is:

1. President/ Secretary .....ex officio  
State Dental Council Chairperson

2. The Director Medical Education/ or Nominees .....Member
3. The Dean/ Principal of any of The State Govt Dental College .....Member
4. The eminent Dentist of the concerned State .....Member

The said bodies can be appointed on a tenurable basis

The disputes or clarification if any may be referred to the Sub Committee of the DCI already appointed at the centre. In the event of the workload needing to be equitably distributed subsequent zonal approval bodies may be appointed in the future

- i. **Zone -I** - Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Uttaranchal, J&K, HP,
- ii. **Zone-II** - Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Rajasthan
- iii. **Zone-III** - M.P., Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh
- iv. **Zone-IV** - Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar.
- v. **Zone-V** - Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Pondicherry
- vi. **Zone-VI** - All the seven North-Eastern States.

An e learning initiative on the lines of the IGNOU may be also envisaged in the future.

Place: New Delhi  
Dated: 22.2.2009

Maj. Gen.(Retd. Dr.P.N. Awasthi)  
Secretary  
Dental Council of India

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**Guidelines on Section 2(a) to 2(i) on  
Continuation Dental Education Regulation, 2007  
As approved by the General Body of the  
Dental Council of India at its meeting held  
on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 and approved  
by the Government of India, Ministry of Health  
& Family Welfare, New Delhi, vide their  
Letter No.V.12016/1/2006-DE dated 18.2.2009**

1. Uniform initial registration fees of Rs 1200/- and a renewal fees of Rs. 200/- per annum or Rs.1000 for 5 years for registration with respective State Dental Councils duly approved by the competent authority.
2. A system of Continuing Dental Education be introduced for dental surgeons registered and to be registered within the sovereign Republic of India.
3. The said requirement of mandatory CDE points would be a prerequisite to being registered and licensed to pursue the Profession of Dentistry in India.
4. All registered Dental Surgeons would need to accomplish 100 points in 5 years (20 points of CDE per year). Out of these 20; 4 CDE points per year would be mandatory and verifiable.

It will be essential to achieve a minimum 15 and a maximum of 25 points a year, 10 points for asepsis and infection control and 5 points for dental jurisprudence over a period of 5 years are mandatory.

5. CDE programme would commence from 01 June 2009 and all dental surgeons registered to date on the rolls of the State Dental Councils would be subjected to these requirements.
6. And that for this period the implementation would be on a voluntary self assessment Proforma at the end of each year to the State Dental Council and being subject to a random audit.
7. The Council also proposes the implementation of a point system for Continuing Dental Education for all registered practitioners under the dentists act for an initial period of 5 years to be effective w.e.f. 01 June 2009 and to be reviewed subsequently at the end of this period.

8. The award of credit points would be as follows:

i.	Full day lecture or conference	6 points CDE
ii.	Half day lecture or workshop	3 points CDE
iii.	Evening product introduction / lecture business meeting	2 points CDE
iv.	45 min lecture with 15 min Q & A	1 point CDE

9. The CDE providers would give a blanket approval to all DCI recognized Govt Bodies, Armed Forces for award of CDE points by the respective State Dental Council.

10. The system of assessment is to be based on a self declaration format to be submitted to the respective Registrar of the State Dental Council every year by the practitioner in which he or she would detail the number of credit hours achieved in this period and a signed declaration of submission of proof of attendance in terms of certificates of participation, registration receipts etc. If required. A random audit system would be used to monitor the implementation.

11. The DCI also envisages the creation of a central registry and national data base of all registered practitioners in a phased manner on an electronic media base to further the implementation of a process of relicensing and revalidation once it is implemented in all the State Dental Councils.

12. The CDE implementation would be valid for a period of 5 years for each dentist (upto the age of 65 years) and will be reviewed at the end of this period by the State Dental Council under intimation to the DCI.

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