

DENTURIST LICENSING BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

Determination of Good Conduct

PURPOSE

The Board fulfills its mandate by ensuring new applicants for registration meet certain standards for entry to practice in the province. In keeping with the *Fair Registration Practices Act*, the Board makes registration requirements publicly available. This policy outlines the process to verify that applicants have met the good conduct requirement for entry to practice.

PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the good character requirement includes the protection of the public, the maintenance of high ethical standards, and the maintenance of public confidence in the profession.

POLICY DIRECTIVE

The Registrar must determine the suitability of the applicant/registrant to practice denturism. As such, the Denturist Licensing Board requires self-disclosure of any past or current findings of criminal activity or professional misconduct.

Information that must be provided upon application or renewal

1. Applicants must declare upon application to the DLBNS whether they have been convicted of a criminal offence for which a pardon has not been granted, or have been the subject of a finding of professional misconduct with any regulated profession. This declaration will be made by filling out the appropriate section of the DLBNS application form.
2. At renewal, registrants must make declaration that they have not been convicted of a criminal offence for which they have not been pardoned. This
3. All applications for licensure must be accompanied by a criminal background check obtained within the last 6 months.
4. Upon application or renewal, applicants and registrants must sign acknowledgement indicating that the applicant/registrant agrees to abide by the provisions of the Denturists Act and Regulations.

Where a declaration of past conduct has been made

5. Where an applicant has made a declaration under section 1 of this policy, applicants are encouraged to provide any and all evidence supporting their efforts to rectify conduct issues.
6. The Registrar may request additional information from the applicant as required to assist in making a determination on the applicant's eligibility to practice.

Registrar's assessment of subsequent conduct

The Registrar will consider several factors relevant to the subsequent conduct of the applicant/registrant, including but not limited to:

- Has the applicant/registrant acknowledged the inappropriateness of the conduct and accepted responsibility;
- Has the applicant/registrant implemented changes to prevent a repetition of the conduct;
- How much time has elapsed since the conduct occurred and subsequent demonstration of good character since;
- Has the applicant/registrant participated in any treatment, education or other activity to address the conduct.

OUTCOME

1. Determine that the evidence provided demonstrates the applicant/registrant is suitable to practice, and therefore deem that the applicant/registrant has met the good conduct requirement; or
2. Determine that, given the evidence provided, the applicant/registrant has demonstrated conduct which affords reasonable grounds for the belief that the applicant/registrant will not practice denturism safely and ethically. In such a case, the applicant/registrant does not meet the good conduct requirement and therefore, is deemed not eligible for registration.

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