

Application for Reinstatement to the General Register Package

(For Dental Hygienists whose Previous General Registration with the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists was Cancelled)

This registration package is intended for dental hygienists who:

- Were previously regulated members on the General Register of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (the College or ACDH) or CRDHA or ADHA;
- Had their registration cancelled either by the College or by request; and
- Are applying for reinstatement to the general register.

If you have never been registered as a dental hygienist in Alberta, or if you are a new graduate of a dental hygiene program, this is NOT the registration package for you. Please refer to our website to see which application package best applies to you. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

It is strongly recommended that all applicants read the first document in this package thoroughly as it contains important information regarding requirements to apply and answers to commonly asked questions.

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Submitting an Application

Applications and supporting documents can be mailed to or hand delivered to:

Registration
Alberta College of Dental Hygienists
Suite 302, 8657 – 51 Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB, T6E 6A8

Applicants may send choose to send their applications via registered mail. Please be aware that requesting a signature upon delivery may delay receipt of the application by the College.

Supporting documents that do not require notarization or an original signature may be emailed to registration@acdh.ca.

Inquiries

The College would be pleased to answer any questions regarding an application for registration to practice dental hygiene in Alberta. All correspondence and inquiries should be directed to the Registration Team by phone at (780) 465-1756 or by email at registration@acdh.ca

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Information for Persons Applying for Reinstatement on the General Register of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists

(For Dental Hygienists whose previous General Registration with the ACDH was cancelled)

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY - All Service Providers Must Register

General Registration

Regardless of a person's license status in any other province, state, or country, they must comply with the *Health Professions Act* (the "Act"), the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation (the "Regulation") and the registration process of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (the "College" or "ACDH") if they are to be involved in the practice of dental hygiene in the province of Alberta.

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, a person must apply for General registration with the College if they intend to provide one or more of the following services in the province of Alberta:

- Professional services directly to the public;
- The manufacture of dental appliances or conducting of laboratory tests that are used by other regulated members to provide professional services directly to the public;
- The teaching of the practice of a regulated profession to regulated members or students of the regulated profession; and
- The supervision of regulated members who provide professional services to the public.

A person must hold General registration and a Practice Permit whether they intend to practice dental hygiene as an independent practitioner, employee, contractor, or volunteer for any portion of the year - even if it is just one day.

General registration is for applicants who wish to engage in activities/services that involve the knowledge and/or practice of dental hygiene as a clinician, educator, administrator/manager, health promoter, consultant, researcher or sales representative. A Practice Permit will be issued when an application for General registration is approved and must be renewed annually.

An applicant for reinstatement may not practice dental hygiene in the province of Alberta until they have received notification that their application has been approved and they have been added to the ACDH General Register.

This includes temporary assignments or working interviews.

Cancellation of Registration and Reinstatement

1. Cancellation Under Section 43 of the HPA

Section 43 of the Act describes the circumstances under which a registration may be cancelled.

- Section 43(1): Failure to Renew
 - The College can cancel a registration if the registrant does not submit a renewal application or is in default of payment of fees, levies, or assessments within a specified period of time
- Section 43(4): Failure to Meet Conditions
 - The College can cancel a registration if the registrant does not meet the conditions placed on their registration within a specified period of time

- Section 43(5): At the Request of the Registrant
 - If a registrant specifically requests that the College cancel their registration
- Section 43(6): In the event of a registrant's death

Sections 43(2) and 43(3) describe what notice the College must give and if the registration may be reinstated if cancelled under 43(1).

In accordance with Section 45(1) of the Act, a regulated member whose practice permit and registration are cancelled under sections 43(1), 43(4), or 43(5) of the Act may apply for reinstatement of their registration and reissuance of their practice permit, provided the applicant has paid any outstanding fees, penalties, or levies, and meets the requirements for registration as outlined in this document.

2. Cancellation Under Part 4 of the HPA

In accordance with Section 45(2) of the Act, if a complaint is made against a regulated member, and after an investigation and hearing, the Hearing Tribunal makes the decision to cancel a practice permit and registration, that member may apply for reinstatement of their registration and reissuance of their practice permit. Under Section 26(2)(a) of the Regulation, an application for reinstatement in this case may not be made within 5 years of the date of cancellation. Under Section 26(2)(b), if an application for reinstatement is denied, a new application may not be made within 1 year of the date of denial.

If the decision is based in whole or in part on a finding of sexual abuse or conviction under Part V and sections of Part VIII of the *Criminal Code of Canada*, Section 45(3) of the Act states that the member may not apply for reinstatement.

Section 45(4) of the Act states that if the decision is based in whole or in part on a finding of sexual misconduct, an applicant may not apply for reinstatement within 5 years of the date of the decision. If an application in this case is refused, the member must wait a minimum of 6 months before making a subsequent application.

Section 96.2 of the Act requires that if a governing body of a similar profession in Canada, the United States, or any other jurisdiction determines that the conduct of a regulated member constitutes unprofessional conduct, the Registrar must cancel their registration and practice permit if the decision was based on sexual abuse, or suspend the registration and practice permit if the decision was based on sexual misconduct.

3. Practicing Without a Valid Practice Permit and Registration

Under sections 46(2) and 46(3), if a formerly regulated member is found to be practicing dental hygiene without a valid practice permit and registration, the Registrar may request in writing that the member apply for registration. The member then must submit an application for reinstatement and pay the application fee within 30 days of receiving the request.

The ability to reinstate and the requirements to do so depend on the reason the registration and practice permit were originally cancelled and follow the provisions above. However, based on a review of their application and case by the Registrar or Registration Committee, the applicant may be required to pay additional fees, penalties, or levies. These can include the full permit fee for each membership year or portion of a membership year that the applicant practiced without registration.

Starting the Registration Process

It is strongly recommended that the registration process is started well in advance of any pre-arranged employment. The College works to process applications as quickly and efficiently as possible, however there are factors that can impact the time it takes to process an application for registration. These factors include the time of year an application is made, what, if any documentation is missing from the application, or if there are additional assessments needed to make a decision on the application.

General Requirements

1. Application Forms, Fees, and Process

An application for reinstatement must be made on the current and required form. All applications will be reviewed on an individual basis. No application will take priority over another.

Fees listed on the reinstatement application form must be paid in Canadian funds by 2 separate certified cheques, bank drafts, or money orders made payable to the ACDH: one for the non-refundable application fee, and one for the registration fee. **Personal cheques will not be accepted.** Fees must be included with an application for reinstatement. The application fee is non-refundable.

The College works to process applications as quickly and as efficiently as possible. The process generally takes four to six (4-6) weeks **after an application is made complete** but may take longer if additional information is required to make a decision or if an application is received between August and November, which is the College's annual renewal period.

Applications received after September 30 will automatically be put forward for consideration in the beginning of the next permit year (November 1 to October 31).

All supporting documentation should be received by the College within six (6) months of receipt of the application form. Documentation may be sent before the application form, but the application process will only start once the completed application form is received. An application will not be considered complete until all required information, documentation, and fees are received, and all required qualification and competence assessments have been completed. Additional supporting documentation may be requested at any stage during the application process.

The process used by the College to assess each application is as follows:

1. A completed, signed, and **notarized** application form is received by mail.
2. An email is sent from the College to the applicant confirming that the application form has been received.
3. The College starts an initial review.
4. An email is sent from the College to the applicant advising them that the initial review has been completed and if the application is not complete, the email will list the items that are outstanding.
 - *The College process is on hold until the required documentation is received.*
5. If necessary, the College grants access to the jurisprudence exam once the required documentation is received.
 - *The College process is on hold until notification of a successful completion of the exam is received from the testing platform.*
6. The College is notified by the testing platform that the applicant has passed the jurisprudence exam.
7. An email is sent from the College to the applicant notifying them that their application is complete and in the final review stage.
8. If the final review finds that additional information is required, an email is sent from the College to the applicant listing the items that are required.
 - *The College process is on hold until the requested documentation is received.*
9. The Registrar or their delegate reviews the application and supporting document and makes a decision.
10. An email is sent from the College to the applicant to notify them of the Registrar's decision.

The Registrar may approve an application, with or without conditions; defer registration; or refuse the application for registration. In each case, the College is guided by an assessment of what is in the best interest of the public.

A notarized copy is one which is certified as true copy of the original by a lawyer, judge, MLA or other individual designated as a Notary Public. A Notary Public must sign, stamp, and seal notarized documents.

A Commissioner of Oaths cannot notarize documents.

2. ACDH Continuing Competence Program Requirements

Within the **three years immediately preceding** the date a completed application for reinstatement is received by the College, applicants for reinstatement must provide evidence of meeting the same continuing competence program requirements as a general member under section 17(1) of the Dental Hygiene Profession Regulation. These requirements are:

- 600 hours of practice as a dental hygienist, listed in the application form under Employment History, and supported by a signed letter from the applicant's employer or copies of Records of Employment (ROEs) for each entry listed; **and**
- 45 credits (hours) of professional development as a dental hygienist, listed on the provided attachment and supported by relevant course information and completion documentation.

If an applicant meets the practice hour requirement but does not meet the professional development credits, they will be required to do one of the following:

- Engage in further learning activities until they meet the 45-credit requirement; or
- Successfully complete the National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam (NDHCE)

If an applicant does not meet the practice hour requirements, regardless of whether they meet the professional development requirements, they will be required to provide evidence of successful completion of a Council-approved dental hygiene refresher course or remedial education course. The course must include didactic and clinical components and be completed no longer than 12 months prior to application for reinstatement.

Applicants who have not practiced in 3 to 5 years will need to successfully complete a 5-day dental hygiene education refresher course. Applicants who have not practiced in 5 or more years will need to successfully complete a 10-day dental hygiene education refresher course.

If an applicant is reinstated within 12 months of their registration being cancelled, they will keep the same reporting period. If they are reinstated more than 12 months after their registration was cancelled, they will be assigned a new reporting period starting the November 1 after their reinstatement is approved.

3. Jurisprudence Examination

Applicants for reinstatement must have successfully completed the ACDH Jurisprudence Examination within the **three years immediately preceding** their application being received by the College. Exam questions are based on documents that will be provided to the applicant (e.g. the Act, the Regulation, ACDH Competence Program Rules, Code of Ethics, Practice Standards, and guidelines).

Applicants must complete and sign the Jurisprudence Examination Application form, requesting a unique exam access code and giving authorization to the testing agency to release the applicant's exam results directly to the College. The College will provide access to the jurisprudence exam when all the supporting documentation related to an application are received. The jurisprudence examination can be completed on-line at an applicant's convenience. An applicant must pass the examination before their application for reinstatement will be considered.

4. Good Character and Fitness to Practice

Section 7 of the Regulation requires applicants to provide written evidence of having good character and reputation. Applicants must provide evidence of having good character and reputation by:

- Answering all questions related to previous or current registration and/or applications for registration, unprofessional conduct processes, disciplinary action, and criminal offences;
- Listing jurisdictions in which they are currently or were previously certified, licensed or registered to practice dental hygiene or any regulated health profession; and having each regulatory authority complete the Verification of Registration Form and mail it directly to the College;
- Answering all questions related to good character and fitness to practice; and
- Providing any other relevant evidence requested by the Registrar or Registration Committee.

a. Verification of Registration

If an applicant is or was certified, licensed, or registered to practice dental hygiene or any other regulated profession, the applicant must complete Section A of the Verification of Registration form. A copy of the entire verification form (sections A and B) must be sent to each regulatory authority where the applicant is currently or was previously certified, licensed, or registered. Section B must be completed by the regulatory authority and sent directly to the College. Verifications will only be considered valid within 6 months of the date which they were completed by the regulatory authority. If a Verification is returned with a finding of unprofessional conduct based on sexual misconduct or abuse, a full disclosure will be requested from the applicant and the regulatory authority and the application may be referred to the Registration Committee for decision.

b. Vulnerable Sector Checks

Applicants must submit a vulnerable sector check issued within 1 year from the date it is received by the College. A basic criminal record check will not be accepted. The vulnerable sector check can only be conducted by the local police service (or RCMP detachment if there is no local police service). There is a form letter included in the application package which can be provided to a local police service to process the request. The College will accept an original document, a notarized copy, or an electronic version sent directly from the local police service to the College.

c. Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse and Misconduct

As part of Bill 21 – *An Act to Protect Patients*, all regulated health professionals in Alberta must successfully complete training on preventing and addressing sexual abuse and sexual misconduct towards clients.

Applicants for registration with the College are required to complete the e-learning course “Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse and Misconduct.” This interactive e-learning course was developed by the Alberta Federation of Regulated Health Professions (AFRHP) and is available via the AFRHP website.

<https://afrhp.org/bill21-protecting-patients/>

The course consists of three modules that will familiarize applicants with Bill 21 and how to prevent, recognize and respond to sexual abuse and sexual misconduct. Please note, the course must be completed in one session – applicants are unable to exit the course midway then re-enter at a different time to finish the content. Once the course has been completed, the program will generate a “Certificate of Completion”, which must be submitted with an application for transfer. If an applicant has completed this course in the past and can provide that certificate of completion as evidence, they do not have to retake the course.

Please note that this course includes scenarios depicting sexual abuse and misconduct that may be disturbing or triggering to some viewers. If you have concerns, please speak, in confidence, to the College Registration Lead.

5. Professional Liability Insurance

Section 8 of the Regulation requires that applicants provide evidence of having liability insurance. The College requires all persons on the General register to have professional liability insurance that meets the minimum standard as approved by Council. Professional Liability Insurance must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Coverage for each occurrence/claim of no less than \$1,000,000;
- Annual aggregate coverage of no less than \$5,000,000;
- An extended reporting period (ERP) provision for a minimum period of two (2) years;
- Professional liability insurance must be for the individual applicant; employer coverage is not acceptable;
- Professional liability insurance must be for the purpose of dental hygiene services; and
- Professional liability insurance must cover the entire annual permit year (the policy period cannot expire prior to October 31 of the permit year for which the application is being considered).

Applicants must provide a copy of a valid insurance certificate showing the minimum requirements. Enhanced insurance options may be of particular interest to registrants who perform advanced restricted activities procedures (local anaesthesia, nitrous oxide/oxygen conscious sedation, restorative procedures, orthodontic procedures, etc.).

6. CPR Certification

Section 9 of the Regulation requires that applicants provide evidence of current CPR certification. Applicants must provide evidence of having successfully completed a CPR course at the level approved by Council. CPR certification training must include:

- a. theory instruction and assessment; and
- b. hands-on component for skills practice and evaluation.

Certification must include, at a minimum, the following competencies:

- i. one- and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children, and infants;
- ii. one- and two-person rescuer adult, child, and infant bag-valve mask technique;
- iii. rescue breathing for adults, children and infants;
- iv. relief of choking in adults, children, and infants; and
- v. use of an automated external defibrillator.

The course must be delivered in accordance with the recommendations of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR). Basic Life Support and/or Health Care Provider level courses generally meet these requirements. Exceptions to the ILCOR requirement must be approved by the College.

The course must be completed no longer than 12 months prior to issuance of ACDH registration. Applicants must enclose a completed CPR Certification Declaration Statement for Instructors along with a **notarized** copy of their current CPR wallet card/certificate as evidence of holding CPR certification at the required level.

7. Competence to Practice Advanced Restricted Activities

The Regulation identifies “restricted activities” that dental hygienists are authorized to practice. As these restricted activities involve a significant degree of risk to the public, they can only be performed by individuals with specific competencies. Competencies related to many of the restricted activities authorized in the Regulation are taught in the basic curriculum of accredited dental hygiene educational programs (i.e., scaling, root planing, ordering and exposing radiographs).

Competencies related to the following restricted activities, which are included in Alberta dental hygienists’ scope of practice, are not inclusive in all dental hygiene educational programs:

- a. Prescribing and administering local anaesthesia by injection;
- b. Prescribing and administering nitrous oxide/oxygen for the purpose of conscious sedation;
- c. Restorative procedures of a permanent nature in collaboration with a dentist;
- d. Orthodontic procedures including preliminary fitting of appliances in collaboration with a dentist;
- e. Preliminary fitting of periodontal appliances in collaboration with a dentist; and
- f. Prescribing the Schedule 1 Drugs listed in the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation

Applicants for registration are not required to demonstrate competence in the restricted activities listed as (a) to (f) for the purpose of initial registration.

If, on the registration application form, an applicant identifies that they have completed formal classroom and clinical education related to one or more of the restricted activities listed as (a) to (f) above, a separate application for authorization to perform the restricted activity must be submitted to the College **within 6 months of completing their education**, or with appropriate evidence of currency.

Advanced restricted activities are not automatically reinstated along with practice permits. Applicants for reinstatement who were previously authorized to perform an advanced restricted activity must reapply for authorization following the Advanced Restricted Activities policy.

The Advanced Restricted Activities policy and application form can be found on the [ACDH website](#).

At any time following initial registration, a registrant may successfully complete a Council-approved course related to performing one of the restricted activities listed as (a) to (f) above and may apply for authorization to perform the activity. The application form and all required supporting documents must be sent to the College for review **within 6 months of completing their education**.

No applicant may perform the restricted activity until the applicant has received notification that the application for authorization to perform the restricted activity has been approved.

8. Submitting an Application

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9. INQUIRIES

The College would be pleased to answer any questions regarding an application for reinstatement. All correspondence and inquiries should be directed to the Registration Team by phone at (780) 465-1756 or by email at registration@acdh.ca.

Privacy Statement

The Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (ACDH or the College) considers your privacy to be of utmost importance and is committed to maintaining the privacy of registrants and applicants for registration.

Collection of Your Personal Information by the College

The College is required to obtain information from you to comply with legal requirements of the *Health Professions Act* (the “HPA”), the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation (the “Regulation”) and the College Bylaws.

1. Section 33 of the HPA

Under section 33 of the HPA, the College is required to maintain a Register of individuals on the General or Courtesy Registers (the “Regulated Registers”). This register requires the College to collect and maintain the following information for each registrant on the Regulated Registers:

- their full legal name,
- their unique registration number,
- if they have been authorized to practice any advanced restricted activity,
- if any restrictions or conditions have been placed on their practice permit, and
- the status of their practice permit, including suspensions or cancellations.

Section 34 of the HPA requires that the information collected under s. 33 must be made available to members of the public. The College does this through the Verify a Dental Hygienist section of the College website.

2. Section 31 of the Regulation

Individuals applying for registration and registrants on the Regulated Registers, and individuals on the Non-Regulated Register are required to provide and keep updated the following specific personal and demographic information:

- Personal information including:
 - full legal name and any previous legal names
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - contact information (home address, cell phone number, and email address)
- Academic and practical training information including:
 - qualifications
 - name of the institution
 - date of graduation
- Current and historical employment information including:
 - place of employment
 - employment type (i.e. clinical, administrative, education, research)
 - employer’s name, and employer contact information
- Practice information including:
 - number of practice hours as a dental hygienist for the previous year;
 - area of practice and specialties;
 - any languages other than English in which the member can provide professional services

- any jurisdictions other than Alberta where the member is registered to practice dental hygiene or another regulated health profession

3. Section 10(2) of the ACDH Bylaws

Section 10(2) of the CRDHA Bylaws limits the information that can be collected for individuals on the Non-Practicing Register to the following:

- Personal information including:
 - full legal name and any previous legal names
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - contact information (home address, cell phone number, and email address)
- Academic and practical training information including:
 - qualifications
 - name of the institution
 - date of graduation
- Historical employment information including:
 - place of employment
 - employment type (i.e. clinical, administrative, education, research)
 - employer's name, and employer contact information
- Practice information including:
 - any languages other than English in which the member can provide professional services
 - any jurisdictions other than Alberta where the member is registered to practice dental hygiene or another regulated health profession

Other information may be requested and provided by the individual with their consent.

Use and Disclosure of Your Personal Information by the College

Information collected under section 31 of the Regulation and section 10(2) of the Bylaws is relevant to the College's registration processes and operational activities. The College keeps this information in the strictest confidence and does not make it available to the public except for the purposes set out below.

4. Mandatory Use and Disclosure

The College will use information provided by or on behalf of applicants for registration and the College's regulated registrants as authorized by the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA) and for the following purposes:

- to manage and conduct the business and affairs of the College in accordance with the HPA, Regulation, Bylaws and policies;
- to provide the services requested by you;
- to release information for purposes of a letter of good standing to another regulatory authority;
- to release information for the purposes of interprovincial trade agreements and memorandums of understanding between Canadian dental hygiene regulatory authorities;
- to release information that is necessary to satisfy any law, regulation or request from the Minister;
- to publish the list of names of regulated and cancelled registrants in order that the public, employers and other health care providers can confirm the registration status of dental hygiene service providers;
- to release information that is necessary for participation as a recognized provider of dental hygiene services under government funded dental health programs (e.g. Alberta Blue Cross, Alberta Dental Services Corporation, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program);

- to release information to the Government of Alberta for the purpose of establishing dental hygiene workforce records within the Alberta Provider Directory, a comprehensive health workforce planning tool and a source of identifying unique providers in a new Electronic Health Record system;
- to release information for purposes of meeting provincial and federal government requirements; and
- to publish information as required by an order of any Tribunal or Committee in accordance with the Act, the Regulation and/or the Bylaws.

The information of individuals listed on the Non-Practicing Register is used and disclosed in a manner consistent with the above.

5. Use of Service Providers outside Canada

Most of the College's service providers are located in Canada. However, from time to time, the College also uses service providers located in the USA. The College evaluates the capabilities, practices, safeguards and trustworthiness of potential service providers outside Canada prior to their engagement. The College takes reasonable steps to protect registrant information handled by a service provider who is engaged by the College, usually by way of a contract for services which contains appropriate safeguards.

American service providers used by the College (e.g. Constant Contact) are permitted to collect and/or use your personal information for the following purposes:

- to assist the College in sending and managing electronic and/or other communications to registrants about College registration, annual renewal requirements, and other regulatory information of interest to registrants; and
- to assist the College in sending and managing electronic and/or other communications to registrants and others about events such as conferences, workshops and continuing education opportunities, or about College activities and other information of interest to registrants.

Contacting the College

The College provides applicants for registration, registrants on the Regulated Registers, and individuals on the Non-Regulated Register with access to their own personal information as held by the College through the Applicant or Registrant Portals. Any required changes can be requested by completing and submitting one of the forms included in the Portals.

If you do not have access to the Applicant or Registrant Portals and would like to request a change to your personal information, you can contact the College in the following ways:

By Mail: Alberta College of Dental Hygienists
Suite 302, 8657- 51 Avenue N.W.
Edmonton AB T6E 6A8

By Phone: 780-465-1756

By Email: info@acdh.ca



Application Checklist (For Dental Hygienists whose previous General Registration with the ACDH was cancelled)

To avoid delays in processing your application, please use the following checklist to ensure that you have included all the necessary documentation before mailing your *Application for Reinstatement* form to the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (the College or ACDH).

Complete **all** sections of the application form. **Print** in ink. If a section is not relevant to your situation, write "N/A" in the space.

All notarized documents must include an original stamp or seal and signature of the Notary Public. Photocopies or electronic copies of these documents will not be accepted.
Please see the Reinstatement of Registration Policy for information about each requirement.

General Requirements

Have you:

- Completed all sections of the Application form?
- Signed and dated the Statutory Declaration on the Application form?
- Had your Statutory Declaration **notarized**?
- Enclosed the appropriate fees in the form of two certified cheques or money orders made payable to ACDH?
 - One **certified** cheque or money order for the non-refundable application fee
 - One **certified** cheque or money order for the registration fee

Documentation to be Submitted Directly to the College

Have you requested that the applicable following documentation be submitted directly to the College?

- A Vulnerable Sector Check completed within 1 year from the date it is received by the College
- Verification of registration / certification / licensure from the Regulatory College in **each** jurisdiction where you are or have been registered / certified / licensed as a dental hygienist or as any other regulated professional, dated within 6 months from the date it is received by the College.

Additional Required Documentation

Have you enclosed the following documentation?

Evidence of meeting the ACDH Continuing Competence Program requirements within the 3 years immediately preceding the completion of your application for reinstatement:

- Documents supporting the employment history listed on the Application form
- Supporting documents for the continuing competence program courses listed on the Personal Record of Professional Development Activities form

OR

- Evidence of completion of a Council-approved dental hygiene refresher education course
 - *Completion certificate for the e-Learning course [Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse and Misconduct](#) (if necessary)*
 - *ACDH Jurisprudence Examination Application form (if necessary)*
- Evidence of professional liability insurance (copy of liability certificate only)
- A **notarized** copy of current CPR certification at the required level
- CPR Certification Declaration Statement for Instructors form

Advanced Restricted Activities

If you would like to apply for entry onto the Advanced Restricted Activities roster, please read the Advance Restricted Activities Policy and complete the application form, both of which are on the ACDH website. This separate application must be submitted to the College **within 6 months of completing your education**, or with the appropriate evidence of currency.

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APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT ON THE GENERAL REGISTER OF THE ALBERTA COLLEGE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS (ACDH)

(For Dental Hygienists who were previously registered with the ACDH)

ELIGIBILITY
Persons whose previous ACDH registration was cancelled may apply for reinstatement on the General Register, provided they have paid any outstanding fees, penalties, or levies, and meet the requirements for reinstatement as outlined in the Reinstatement Application Policy. Cancelled members must not return to practice until they have been notified that their application for reinstatement on the General Register is approved and a Practice Permit has been issued.

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Surname		Given Names	
Other Surnames (if applicable)		Birth Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Street Address		City	
Province/State	Postal Code	Email	
Cell Number (Required) ()	Secondary Number ()	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to Self-Identify	
Initial ACDH Registration Date		ACDH Registration Number	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Most Recent Reporting Period:	Date of Cancellation:
Reason for Cancellation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> S. 43(1): Failure to Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> S. 43(4): Failure to Meet Conditions
<input type="checkbox"/> S. 43(5): By Registrant Request	
<input type="checkbox"/> Part 4: Professional Conduct <i>(minimum 5 years from cancellation)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> S. 96.2: Misconduct in another jurisdiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Decision based on sexual misconduct <i>(minimum 5 years from decision)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision based on sexual abuse (Reinstatement not permitted)
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant was practicing without permit	

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

You *may* be eligible for entry on the Advanced Restricted Activities Roster. If your dental hygiene program included didactic and clinical experience in the following restricted activity areas or if you have completed formal educational courses in these practice areas since graduation, please indicate in the table below.

If you were previously listed on any Advanced Restricted Activities Roster(s), your name would have been removed from the Roster(s) on the date that your registration was cancelled.

A separate application must be submitted to the ACDH **within 6 months of completing your education**, or with appropriate evidence of currency. You can download the policies and application form from the ACDH website.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration of Local Anaesthesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration of Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontic Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> Restorative Procedures of a Permanent Nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribing Schedule 1 Drugs | |

SUMMARY OF OTHER POST-SECONDARY DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES

Credential	Name & City of Academic Institution	Graduation Year	Surname on Credential

OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSION REGISTRATION/LICENSURE

In addition to any dental hygiene regulatory authority you are currently registered with, if you were previously registered or licensed to practice dental hygiene or any other regulated health profession, list the regulatory body or bodies and jurisdiction(s) below.

Name of Regulatory Body	Province/State/Country	Registration/License #	Expiry Date

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List dental hygiene employment for the last three (3) years, starting with the most recent employer. If more space is needed, please attach a separate page. You must provide supporting evidence of this information in the form of a signed letter from employer(s) stating the place of employment, name of the employer, start and end date of employment and the total number of hours worked. You may also provide a Record of Employment (ROE) stating the same.

Employed from: mo. _____ day _____ yr. _____ to mo. _____ day _____ yr. _____

Name of Employer Business phone Total no. of practice hours worked

Street Address City, Province Postal Code

Employed from: mo. _____ day _____ yr. _____ to mo. _____ day _____ yr. _____

Name of Employer Business phone Total no. of practice hours worked

Street Address City, Province Postal Code

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Name of Employer Business phone Total no. of practice hours worked

Street Address City, Province Postal Code

Summary of all practice hours worked in the last three years. Begin with the most recent hours.

Year				Total Hours
Hours				

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, _____ (full name), of _____ (city/town) in the

Province/State of _____ **DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT** I am the person making application for reinstatement on the Regulated Members Register of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (ACDH) and that the information provided on this form and its attachments is complete and true in every respect and I understand that my application for reinstatement to the Regulated Members Register may be refused or cancelled if I have provided any inaccurate information or I do not meet the requirements for reinstatement. I understand that in order to practice dental hygiene in Alberta, I am required by law to be a General member on the Regulated Members Register and hold a current Practice Permit with the ACDH before I commence employment.

I understand that the information I have provided may be verified by the ACDH and I authorize the ACDH to seek additional information from third parties such as educational institutions, regulatory agencies, employers, or other sources as necessary in order to process my application for reinstatement; and I also authorize all such institutions, agencies, or other sources to release such information to the ACDH and for so doing let this be your good and sufficient authority.

Declarant's Signature: _____

Declared before me at _____ in the Province/State of _____

this _____ day of _____, 20_____

_____ in and for the Province/State of _____.

Signature of Notary Public

PAYMENT OF FEES

Please enclose 2 certified cheques, bank drafts, or money orders made payable to ACDH: one for the non-refundable Application Fee (to be deposited on receipt of your application) and one for the Registration Fee (to be deposited on approval of registration).

	Non-Refundable Application Fee	FEE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Fee (to be deposited on receipt of application)	\$350.00
	Certified cheque, bank draft, or money order enclosed in the amount of:	\$

	General Registration Fee - Includes Practice Permit	FEE
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Registration	\$599.00
	Certified cheque, bank draft, or money order enclosed in the amount of:	\$

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Approved by:	College ID #:	Registration Date:	Registration Year:	Reporting Period:

April 5, 2023

Law Enforcement Services

RE: Request for Vulnerable Sector Check

The individual requesting a vulnerable sector check through your agency is applying for registration on the General Register or Courtesy Register of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (ACDH). Under Alberta's *Health Professions Act*, a person must hold General or Courtesy registration and a practice permit if they intend to practice dental hygiene in Alberta for any portion of the year.

Providing dental hygiene services requires the skills, competencies, and professionalism of the dental hygienist as well as a level of trust on the part of the patient and the public. Dental hygienists in Alberta routinely provide services to seniors, children, or other vulnerable persons.

Given that College's primary responsibility is public safety in all practice settings, the ACDH Council passed a motion on December 10, 2021, to require a vulnerable sector check as part of the registration application process. This is now an application requirement for registration on the General or Courtesy Registers.

Any questions regarding this registration requirement can be directed to registration@acdh.ca or 780-465-1756, ext. 2.

Thank you,



Amie Dowell, MPH
Registrar & CEO

VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION, LICENSE, OR REGISTRATION

This form may be photocopied to send to multiple regulatory bodies.

SECTION A		
To be completed by applicant and forwarded with Section B to <u>each</u> jurisdiction where you are or have been certified, licensed, or registered as a dental hygienist or any other regulated health profession.		
Surname	Given Names	
Other Surnames Names (if applicable)	Birth Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	
Street Address	City	
Province/State	Postal Code	Email
Cell Number ()	Secondary Number ()	
Graduated from:	In City/Province/Country:	Graduation date (month-day-year):
I was certified / licensed / registered in your jurisdiction on:		Number:
<p>I authorize _____ to provide the information requested in Section B</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Name of Regulatory/Licensing Body</p> <p>of this form and any additional information requested by the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (ACDH) in order to process my application for registration.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____</p>		

SECTION B

To be completed by the jurisdictional regulatory body and forwarded directly to the ACDH.

Please provide the following registration information as authorized by an applicant for registration with the ACDH. Information provided is held in confidence.

Profession: <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Hygienist	Profession: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Regulated Health Profession Professional Title:
DH Certificate / License / Registration #:	Certificate / License / Registration #:
Initial DH Registration Date:	Initial Registration Date:
Expiry Date:	Expiry Date:
DH Certificate, License Registration Status: <input type="checkbox"/> active <input type="checkbox"/> conditional <input type="checkbox"/> temporary <input type="checkbox"/> inactive <input type="checkbox"/> other (explain)	Other Profession Certificate, License Registration Status: <input type="checkbox"/> active <input type="checkbox"/> conditional <input type="checkbox"/> temporary <input type="checkbox"/> inactive <input type="checkbox"/> other (explain)
Has this person's license, registration or permit ever been denied, cancelled, suspended, approved with conditions or otherwise limited or restricted in any way?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this person's license, registration or permit currently denied, cancelled, suspended, approved with conditions or otherwise limited, restricted or under review?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has this person ever had a finding in the nature of professional misconduct, incompetency or incapacity, or a like finding made against them?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is this person currently under investigation or involved in any proceedings for conduct in the nature of professional misconduct, incompetency or incapacity or any like investigation or proceeding?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If the answer to one or more of the preceding four questions above is "Yes", please provide further information.	
<i>The following two questions should be completed by Dental Hygiene regulatory bodies ONLY</i>	
Has this person provided you with evidence of graduation (e.g., diploma or transcript) from the DH program listed in Section A?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has this person provided you with evidence of holding NDHCB Certification? If "Yes, please provide: NDHCB #: _____ Effective Date: _____ If "No" explain why not:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(SEAL)	Signature:
	Print Name:
	Title:
	Name of Regulatory / Certification / Print Name: Licensing Body:
	Province / State/ Country:
Date:	

Jurisprudence: Knowledge of the Law

In November 2006, the *Health Professions Act* and the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation came in force for the dental hygienists profession. The Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation 4(2) states:
An applicant for registration under subsection (1) must successfully pass a jurisprudence examination referred to in section 3(1)(c).

jurisprudence. *L jūris prūdentia* (jurisprudence)

- the science or philosophy of law.
- a body or system of laws
- a department of law: medical jurisprudence.
- Civil Law. decisions of courts, especially of reviewing tribunals

Dictionary.com Unabridged.

Retrieved June 20, 2022, from Dictionary.com website: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/jurisprudence>

The primary function of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (the College or ACDH) is to promote high quality dental hygiene practice and ensure client safety. This means that the public can expect to receive dental hygiene services from competent professionals who are registered with the College.

Consumers, College registrants, other health professionals, employers, educational institutions, and regulatory bodies consult the College for information about various aspects of dental hygiene practice including legal considerations of dental hygiene practice in Alberta. The term jurisprudence encompasses those legal considerations.

As a registered dental hygienist, it is your professional responsibility to know, comply with, and seek further information about legislation, standards of practice, guidelines, and ACDH policies regarding dental hygiene practice in Alberta. Whether you are an employee, independent contract, or an employer, know your rights and responsibilities.

Ignorance of the law is not an acceptable excuse for unprofessional conduct.

The ACDH Jurisprudence Examination: An Opportunity to Learn

This article answers some frequently asked questions about the jurisprudence exam:

- Where can I find the information referenced in the examination?
- What is the purpose of the jurisprudence examination?
- What is the jurisprudence examination like?
- Why is it an open-book examination?
- When can I access the ACDH Jurisprudence Exam?
- I don't have a computer. How can I take the examination?
- Tips to approaching the documents and taking the examination

Where can I find the information referenced in the examination?

The ACDH website contains information about and links to documents referenced in the exam.

- Click here for [regulatory documents](#) such as legislation, bylaws, Standards of Practice and Guidelines, policies, and the Code of Ethics.
- Click here for information about [Advanced Restricted Activities](#).

What is the purpose of the jurisprudence examination?

The jurisprudence examination is designed to ensure that registrants have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the legislation, Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and Guidelines, and other regulatory documents that govern the practice of dental hygiene in the province of Alberta. Dental hygienists must be familiar and comply with provincial legislation and the College's regulatory documents. Failure to do so may result in being subject to disciplinary action.

Successful completion of the examination is required as part of the application for registration on the General or Courtesy Registers, as well as for existing registrants who are applying to enroll in the University of Alberta Elements of Prescribing for Dental Hygienists course.

What is the jurisprudence examination like?

The examination is an online, open book examination comprised of 50 questions randomly selected from a bank of multiple choice and scenario questions. Depending on how familiar you are with the information the examination can take between one and two hours to complete, although occasionally some individuals have needed more time than this. **The examination can be completed in more than one sitting within a 48-hour period and the examination can be paused and accessed at your convenience.** A valuable, short tutorial is included on the exam site to help you become familiar with the exam process and use of resources.

Why is it an open-book examination?

The jurisprudence examination is an open-book format because an applicant is not expected to memorize the exact information from all the documents. An applicant should understand how the documents relate to each other and where to access the pertinent information. Become familiar enough with each document so you can access the appropriate document when the need arises.

When can I access the ACDH Jurisprudence Exam?

Once the College has received all the required documentation for your application, you will receive an email that will include your username and directions on how to login and change your password.

I don't have a computer. How can I take the examination?

The examination is accessed only by computer and internet connection. If you do not have other access to a computer, they are available in libraries and schools throughout the province.

Tips to approaching the documents and taking the examination

- Understand how the documents relate and which document takes precedent over the other:
 - the *Health Professions Act* is the umbrella legislation governing all regulated health professions in Alberta
 - the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation specifically applies to the dental hygienists profession
 - the ACDH Bylaws indicate how the ACDH is governed
 - the Dental Hygiene Standards of Practice and Practice Guidelines indicate how you should practice
 - the Code of Ethics indicates your ethical responsibilities
- Scan the table of contents of each document for a general idea of content. Some people print the table of contents of each document to use as a road map to navigate the documents online. Other people might print off the complete documents for reference.
- Do not expect to successfully complete the examination by only using a document search function to look for key words. Doing so will not give you an understanding of how the documents relate to each other.
- Determine the pertinent sections of each of the documents and read them well. Make note of areas that of major significance.
- The examination takes concentrated effort. Allow yourself chunks of time to work on the examination without interruption.

ACDH JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Examination Information

Under the *Health Professions Act* and in accordance with the Dental Hygienists Profession Regulation, all applicants for registration on the General Register must successfully complete the ACDH Jurisprudence Examination.

The examination is only available in English. The examination is comprised of multiple-choice questions designed to test the applicant's knowledge of the legislation, Code of Ethics, Practice Standards and Guidelines that govern the practice of dental hygiene in the Province of Alberta. Dental hygienists must be familiar and comply with provincial legislation and professional standards of practice or they will be subject to disciplinary action.

The examination is conducted by a secure on-line testing agency. You will be provided access to the examination once all documents and fees related to your application for registration have been received, including this application form. Please see the Jurisprudence: Knowledge of the Law document for information about the exam and links to reference documents. The on-line exam is open-book and can be completed at your convenience. You must complete the examination alone. The exam site will contain all the directions you require for completion of the examination.

Request to Take the Examination	
Surname	Given Names
Cell Number (Required)	Email

Statement of Understanding

I hereby apply to write the ACDH Jurisprudence Examination. I understand that one criterion for registration with the ACDH is successful completion of this examination. I understand that I must complete this examination on my own and I confirm that I will not complete the examination with any other ACDH registrant or applicant for registration.

By signing this application, I give express permission for ACDH to release the personal information I have provided above to the testing agency in order to generate my examination access code and examination results and, I give express permission for the testing agency to provide a report of my examination score directly to the ACDH to become part of my application for registration.

I understand that the examination questions are the property of the ACDH and that unauthorized disclosure of the examination questions is prohibited. In consideration for being a candidate in writing the ACDH Jurisprudence Examination, I agree to maintain the confidentiality of the examination questions.

Applicant Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Username	Date Granted	Form	Date Completed & Result

CPR Certification Declaration Statement for Instructors

This declaration statement is for the following named applicant: _____

Applicants for General or Courtesy Membership or annual renewal of a Practice Permit must provide evidence of having successfully completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course for health care providers at the level [approved by Council](#). CPR certification training must include:

- a. theory instruction and assessment; and
- b. hands-on component for skills practice and evaluation.

Certification must include, at a minimum, the following competencies:

- i. one- and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children, and infants;
- ii. one- and two-person rescuer adult, child, and infant bag-valve mask technique;
- iii. rescue breathing for adults, children and infants;
- iv. relief of choking in adults, children, and infants; and
- v. use of an automated external defibrillator.

The course must be delivered in accordance with the recommendations of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) and completed no longer than 12 months prior to issuance of ACDH registration or practice permit renewal.

Please complete the checklist below to confirm that the following requirements were included in the CPR course delivered to the above-named applicant. The signed and dated Declaration Statement may be returned to the ACDH office in person or by mail or email at the addresses above.

Date CPR course was completed: _____

- one- and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children, and infants
- one- and two-person rescuer adult, child, and infant bag-valve mask technique
- rescue breathing for adults, children, and infants
- relief of choking in adults, children, and infants
- use of an automated external defibrillator

I, _____, CPR instructor, certify that the information provided on this form is complete and true, and knowing that is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act". I understand that making a false statement on this application could result in the rejection of the above-named individual's application for a practice permit.

Instructor Contact Information

Instructor Registration #: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Email or postal address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____