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Law Enforcement Services

RE: Request for Vulnerable Sector Check

The individual requesting a vulnerable sector check through your agency is on the General Register of the Alberta College of Dental Hygienists (ACDH). Under Alberta's *Health Professions Act*, a person must hold General 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 practice permit renewal process. Registered dental hygienists on the general register renew their practice permit annually and are required to obtain and provide the College with a vulnerable sector check every three years.

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

Thank you,



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