

DENTISTS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1973

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No. 37 of 1973

An Ordinance to amend the *Dentists Registration Ordinance 1953* as amended

[Assented to 12 July, 1973]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Dentists Registration Ordinance 1973*. Short title
2. The *Dentists Registration Ordinance 1953* as amended is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Principal Ordinance
3. Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Definitions
 - (a) by omitting the definition of “Register” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘registered dental therapist’ means a person who is registered as a dental therapist under this Ordinance;” and
 - (b) by adding at the end thereof the following definition:—

“‘the Register’ means—

 - (a) in relation to the registration of a dentist—the register kept under sub-section (1.) of section seventeen of this Ordinance; and
 - (b) in relation to the registration of a dental therapist—the register kept under sub-section (2.) of that section;”.
4. Section 17 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:— Register of dentists and dental therapists

“(2.) The Board shall keep a register to be known as ‘The Register of Dental Therapists’.”.

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Application for
registration

5. Section 19 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

“(2.) A person who—

- (a) holds a School of Dental Nurses Certificate of the Hobart Training School conducted by the Department of Health Services of the State of Tasmania; or
- (b) has qualifications considered by the Board to be the equivalent,

may apply to the Board for registration as a dental therapist.”.

Registration

6. Section 20 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by inserting in sub-section (1.) after the word “dentist” (first occurring), the words “or dental therapist”;
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (a) of that sub-section the words “referred to in ” and inserting in their stead the words “who may apply for registration under”;
- (c) by inserting in paragraph (b) of that sub-section, after the word “dentists”, the words “of dental therapists”;
- (d) by inserting in paragraph (e) of that sub-section, after the word “dentist”, the words “or dental therapist”;
- (e) by inserting in that sub-section, after the word “dentist” (last occurring), the words “or dental therapist, as the case may be”;
- (f) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “paragraph (b)” and inserting in their stead the words “paragraph (b) of sub-section (1.)”; and
- (g) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “that section” and inserting in their stead the words “that sub-section”.

Amendments of
sections 23, 24,
31, 32, 33, 34 and
35 as to dental
therapists

7. Sections 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the Principal Ordinance are amended by inserting after the word “dentist” (wherever occurring) the words “or dental therapist”.

Prohibition of
practice of
dentistry unless
registered

8. Section 37 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “Two hundred pounds” and inserting in their stead the words “Four hundred dollars”; and

(b) by inserting after sub-section (1.) the following sub-section:—

“(1A.) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this section, a person who is a registered dental therapist may, if acting subject to the direction and control of a registered dentist—

- (a) give preventive treatment and advice in connexion with dental practice;
- (b) extract teeth;
- (c) remove diseased tooth tissue from cavities and prepare the cavities for restoration; and
- (d) restore teeth by the use of plastic materials.”.

9. After section 37 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

Dentistry by registered dental therapists

“37A.—(1.) A registered dental therapist shall, before examining the teeth of a student at a school, give not less than three days’ notice in writing to a parent or guardian of the student stating that it is proposed to carry out such an examination and asking for permission for the registered dental therapist to carry out any dental work following the examination.

“(2.) A registered dental therapist shall not examine the teeth of a student at a school if a parent or guardian of the student, by instrument in writing given within three days after the giving of the notice under the last preceding sub-section to the head teacher or person in charge of the school, refuses to permit it.

“(3.) A registered dental therapist shall not carry out dental work (other than an examination only) on the teeth of a student at a school unless the parent or guardian, by instrument in writing given to the head teacher or person in charge of the school, has given permission to the carrying out of dental work following a dental examination.

“(4.) A registered dental therapist shall not practise dentistry (other than an examination only of teeth) except subject to the direction and control of a registered dentist.

Penalty: One hundred dollars.”.

10. Section 38 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

Prohibition of use of certain terms except by registered dentists

“(2.) Nothing in this section prohibits a person who is a registered dental therapist from taking or using the title of ‘dental therapist’.”.

11. Section 41 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

Unregistered person not to hold certain appointments

“(2) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this section, a person who is a registered dental therapist may, if

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acting subject to the direction and control of a registered dentist—

- (a) give preventive treatment and advice in connexion with dental practice;
 - (b) extract teeth;
 - (c) remove diseased tooth tissue from cavities and prepare the cavities for restoration; and
 - (d) restore teeth by the use of plastic materials.”.
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