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The Governor in Council, on the recommendation of The Dental Board of Victoria, makes the following Regulations:

Dated: 9 December 1997

Responsible Minister:
ROB KNOWLES
Minister for Health

SHARNE BRYAN
Clerk of the Executive Council

1. Objective
The objective of these Regulations is to make further provision for the licensing of dental auxiliaries.

2. Authorising provisions
These Regulations are made under sections 9 and 29 of the Dentists Act 1972.

3. Principal Regulations
In these Regulations, the Dentists Regulations 1992 are called the Principal Regulations.

4. Substitution of heading
For the heading to Division 1 in Part 5 of the Principal Regulations, substitute "Division 1—Dental Therapists".
5. Substitution of regulation 501

For regulation 501 of the Principal Regulations substitute—

"501. Training, examinations and standards

(1) For the purposes of section 29(2) of the Act, the prescribed courses of training and prescribed examinations for the grant of a licence to a person to practise as a dental therapist are—

(a) the course of training and the examinations conducted by the School of Dental Therapy, Department of Health and Community Services or Department of Human Services in Victoria, the successful completion of which leads to the issue of a certificate of qualification as a school dental therapist or dental therapist by the person in charge of the School of Dental Therapy; or

(b) the course of training and the examinations conducted by The University of Melbourne, the successful completion of which leads to the issue of a Diploma in Oral Health Therapy (Dental Therapy) by The University of Melbourne.

(2) For the purposes of section 29(7)(a) of the Act, the prescribed standard for the grant of a licence to a person to practise as a dental therapist is that the person have an adequate command of the English language."

6. Dental therapists
In regulations 502 and 503 of the Principal Regulations for "school dental therapist" (wherever occurring) substitute "dental therapist".

7. Substitution of regulation 504

For regulation 504 of the Principal Regulations substitute—

"504. Training, examinations and standards

(1) For the purposes of section 29(2) of the Act, the prescribed course of training and prescribed examinations for the grant of a licence to practise as a dental hygienist are—

(a) the course of training and the examinations conducted by the Gilles Plains College of TAFE, South Australia, the successful completion of which leads to the issue of a certificate of qualification as a dental hygienist by the person in charge of the Dental Hygienist course; or

(b) the course of training and the examinations conducted by the New South Wales Dental Board, the successful completion of which leads to the issue of a certificate of qualification as a dental hygienist by the person in charge of the Dental Hygienist's registration examination conducted by the New South Wales Dental Board; or

(c) the course of training and the examinations conducted by The University of Melbourne, the successful completion of which leads to the issue of a Diploma in Oral Health Therapy
(Dental Hygiene) by The University of Melbourne.

(2) For the purposes of section 29(7)(a) of the Act, the prescribed standard for the grant of a licence to a person to practise as a dental hygienist is that the person have an adequate command of the English language.

8. Term of licences

For regulation 508 of the Principal Regulations substitute—

"A licence to practise as a dental auxiliary—

(a) remains in force until 30 June next after the date of issue unless cancelled or suspended sooner; and

(b) is renewable from year to year unless any cancellation or suspension is in force.".

9. Renewal of licences

In regulation 509 of the Principal Regulations for "each licensed school dental therapist and licensed dental hygienist" substitute "each person licensed to practise as a dental auxiliary".
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