

Dentists Act, 1948

Chapter II - Dental Council of India

The Central Government shall, as soon as may be, constitute a Council consisting of the following members, namely: -

(a) one registered dentist possessing a recognised dental qualification elected by the dentists - registered in Part A of each [1](#)[State] register;

(b) one member elected from amongst themselves by the members of the Medical Council of India;

[2](#)[(c) not more than four members elected from among themselves, by -

(a) Principals, Deans, Directors and Vice-Principals of dental colleges in the States training students for recognised dental qualifications :

Provided that not more than one member shall be elected from the same dental college;

(b) Heads of dental wings of medical colleges in the States training students for recognised dental qualifications:]

(d) one member from each University established by law in the States which grants a recognised dental qualification, to be elected by the members of the Senate of the University, or in case the University has no Senate, by the members of the Court, from amongst the members of the Dental Faculty of the University or in case the University has no Dental Faculty, from amongst the members of the Medical Faculty thereof;

(e) one member to represent [3](#)[each State [4](#)[*****]] nominated by the Government of each such State from among persons registered either in a medical register or a dental register of the State;]

[5](#)[Explanation: - In this clause, "State" does not include a Union territory;]

(f) six members nominated by the Central Government, of whom at least one shall be a registered dentist possessing a recognised dental qualification and practising or holding an appointment in an institution for the training of dentists in a [1](#)[Union territory] and at least two shall be dentists registered in Part B of a [6](#)[State] Register;

[7](#)[(g) the Director General of Health Services, ex officio:]

Provided that pending the preparation of registers the [1](#)[State] Governments may nominate to the first Council members referred to in parts (a) and (e) and the Central Government members referred to in part (1) out of persons who are eligible for registration in the respective registers and such persons shall hold office for such period as the [6](#)[State] or Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify.

1. Substituted for " Part C State", by 3 A.L.O., 1956.

2.Cl. (c) substituted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972), Section .5 (1-11-72).

3.Substituted for the words "each Part A State and Part B State other than the State of Jammu and Kashmir" by 3 A.L.O., 1956.

4.Words "other than the State of Jammu and Kashmir or a union territory" omitted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972). Section .5 (1-11-72).

5.Explanation inserted, by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972). Section .5 (1-11-72).

6.Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

7.Inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (12 of 1955). Section 4.

Section 4 - Incorporation of Council

The Council shall be a body corporate by the name of the Dental Council of India; having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

Section 5 - Mode of elections

Elections under this Chapter shall be conducted in the prescribed manner, and where any dispute arises regarding any such election, it shall be referred to the Central Government whose decision shall be final.

Section 6 - Term of office and casual vacancies

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section an elected or nominated member shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of his election or nomination or until his successor has been duly elected or nominated, whichever is longer.

1[Provided that a member nominated under clause (e) or clause (f) of section 3, shall hold office during the pleasure of the authority nominating him.]

(2) An elected or nominated member may at any time resign his membership by writing under his hand addressed to the President, and the seat of such member shall thereupon become vacant.

(3) An elected or nominated member shall be deemed to have vacated his seat if he is absent without excuse, sufficient in the opinion of the Council, from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council or in the case of a member whose name is required to be included in 2[State] register, if his name is removed from such register, or if he has been elected under cl. (c) of section 3 3 if he ceases to hold his appointment as the 4[Principal, Dean, Director or Vice-Principal] of a dental college, or as 2 [the Head of the dental Wing] of a medical college], or if he has been elected under clause (b) or (d) of section 3, if he ceases to be a member of the Medical Council of India or 5[the Dental or Medical Faculty] of the University, as the case may be.

(4) A casual vacancy in the Council shall be filled by fresh election or nomination, as the case may be, and the person elected or nominated to fill the vacancy shall hold office only for the remainder of the term for which the member whose place he takes was elected or nominated.

(5) Members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination.

(6) No act done by the Council shall be called in question on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in, or defect in the constitution of, the Council.

1.Proviso inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972), S. 6 (1-11-72).

2.Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

3.Substituted for words " If he ceases to hold his appointment as head of a college" by the Dentists (Amdt.) Act, 1955 (12 of 1955). S:5"(15-4-1955).

4.Substituted for words "Principal or Vice-Principal" and "a professor of dental surgery", by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (12 of 1972), S.6 (1-11-1972)

5.Substituted for the words "the Medical Faculty", by the Dentists (Amdt.) Act, 1955 (12 of 1955). S:5"(15-4-1955).

Section 7 - President and Vice-President of Council X

(1) The President and Vice-President of the Council shall be elected by the members thereof from among themselves:

Provided that on the first constitution of the Council and until the President is elected, a member of the Council nominated by the Central Government in this behalf shall discharge the functions of the President:

Provided further that for five years from the first constitution of the Council, the President shall, if the Central Government so decides, be a person nominated by the Central Government who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Central Government, and where he is not already a member, shall be a member of the Council in addition to the members referred to in section 3.

(2) An elected President or Vice-President shall hold office as such for a term not exceeding five years and not extending beyond the expiry of his term as member of the Council, but subject to his being a member of the Council, he shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 8 - Staff, remuneration and allowances

(1) The Council shall

(a) appoint a Secretary who may also, if so decided by the Council act as Treasurer;

(b) appoint such other officers and servants as the Council deems necessary to enable it to carry out its functions under this Act:

(c) require and take from the Secretary or from any other officer or servant such security for the due performance of his duties as the Council considers necessary: and

(d) with the previous sanction of the Central Government, fix the fees and allowances of the President, Vice-President and other members of the Council, and the pay and allowances and other conditions of service of officers and servants of the Council.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (a) of sub-section (1), for the first four years from the first constitution of the Council, the Secretary of the Council shall be a person appointed by the Central Government, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Central Government.

Section 9 - The Executive Committee

(1) The Council shall constitute from among its members an Executive Committee, and may so constitute other Committees for such general or special purposes as the Council considers necessary for carrying out its functions under this Act.

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and Vice-President ex officio¹[and the Director-General of Health Services ex officio,] and five other members selected by the Council.

(3) The President and Vice-President of the Council shall be Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, of the Executive Committee.

(4) A member of the Executive Committee shall hold office as such until the expiry of his term of office as member of the Council but, subject to his being a member of the Council, he shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) In addition to the powers and duties conferred and imposed on it by this Act, the Executive Committee shall exercise and discharge such powers and duties as may be prescribed.

1. Inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972). Section .7 (1-11-72)

Section 10 - Recognition of dental qualifications

1[10. Recognition of dental qualifications

(1) The dental qualifications, granted by any authority or institution in India, which are included in Part I of the Schedule shall be recognised dental qualifications for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Any authority or institution in India which grants a dental qualification not included in Part I of the Schedule may apply to the Central Government to have such qualification recognised and included in that Part, and the Central Government, after consulting the Council, and after such inquiry, if any, as it may think fit for the purpose, may, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend Part I of the Schedule so as to include such qualification therein, and any such notification may also direct that an entry shall be made in Part I of the Schedule against such dental qualification declaring that it shall be a recognised dental qualification only when granted after a specified date.

(3) (a) The dental qualifications, granted by any authority or institution outside India, which are included in Part II of the Schedule shall be recognised dental qualifications only for the purposes of the registration of citizens of India when the register is first prepared under this Act.

(b) Where any dental qualification granted by any authority or institution outside India, and held by a citizen of India, is recognised for the purposes of the register when it is first prepared, after the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1972, the Central Government may, after consultation with the Council, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend Part II of the Schedule so as to include therein the dental qualification so recognised.

(4) (a) The dental qualifications granted by any authority or institution outside India, which are included in Part III of the Schedule, shall be recognised dental qualifications for the purposes of this Act, but no person possessing any such qualification, shall be entitled for registration unless he is a citizen of India.

(b) Where any dental qualification granted by any authority or institution outside India, and held by a citizen of India, is recognised, except on reciprocal basis, after the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1972, the Central Government may, after consultation with the Council, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend Part III of the Schedule so as to include therein the dental qualification so recognised.

(5) The Council may enter into negotiations with any authority or institution in any State or country outside India which, by law of any such State or country, is entrusted with the maintenance of a register of dentists, for the setting of a scheme of reciprocity for the recognition of dental qualifications and in pursuance of any such scheme, the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette declare that any such qualification granted by any authority or institution in any such State or country, or such qualification, only when granted after a specified date, shall be a recognised dental qualification for the purposes of this Act, and any such notification may provide for an amendment of the Schedule and may also direct that any such dental qualification as is specified in the notification shall be entered in the Schedule as so amended.

(6) The Central Government may, after consultation with the Council, by notification in Official Gazette, amend the Schedule by directing that an entry be made therein in respect of any dental qualification declaring that it shall be a recognised dental qualification only when granted before a specified date.]

1. Substituted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972), Section .8 (1-11-72).

Section 10A - Permission for establishment of new dental college, new courses of study etc.

1[10A. Permission for establishment of new dental college, new courses of study etc

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, -
- (a) no person shall establish an authority or institution for a course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training) which would enable a student of such course or framing to qualify himself for the grant of recognised dental qualification; or
 - (b) no authority or institution conducting a course of study or training (including a postgraduate course of study or training) for grant of recognised dental qualification shall -
 - (i) open a new or higher course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training) which would enable a student of such course or training to qualify himself for the award of any recognised dental qualification; or
 - (ii) increase its admission capacity in any course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training). except with the previous permission of the Central Government obtained in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Explanation 1- For the purposes of this section," person" includes any University or a trust but does not include the Central Government.

Explanation 2- For the purposes of this section, "admission capacity", in relation to any course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or (ruining)in an authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification, means the maximum number of students that may be fixed by the Council from time to time for being admitted to such course or training.

(2) (a) Every person, authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification shall, for the purpose of obtaining permission under sub-section (1), submit to the Central Government a scheme in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) and the Central Government shall refer the said scheme to the Council for its recommendations.

(b) The scheme referred to in clause (a) shall be in such form and contain such particulars and be preferred in such manner and be accompanied with such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) On receipt of a scheme by the Council under sub-section (2), the Council may obtain such other particulars as may be considered necessary by it from the person, authority or institution concerned, granting recognised dental qualification and thereafter, it may.-

(a) if the scheme is defective and does not contain any necessary particulars, give a reasonable opportunity to the person, authority or institution concerned for making a written representation and it shall be open to such person, authority or institution to rectify the defects, if any, specified by the Council;

(b) consider the scheme, having regard to the factors referred to in sub-section (7), and submit the scheme together with its recommendations thereon to the Central Government,

(4) The Central Government may, after considering the scheme and the recommendations of the Council under sub-section (3) and after obtaining, where necessary, such other particulars as may be considered necessary by it from the person, authority or institution concerned, and having regard to the factors referred to in sub-section (7), either approve (with such conditions, if any, as it may consider necessary) or disapprove the scheme and any such approval shall be permission under sub-section (1):

Provided that no scheme shall be disapproved by the Central Government except after giving the person, authority or institution concerned granting recognised dental qualification a reasonable opportunity of being heard :

Provided further that nothing in this sub-section shall prevent any person, authority or institution whose scheme has not been approved to submit a fresh scheme and the provisions of this section shall apply to such scheme, as if such scheme has been submitted for the first time under sub-

section (2).

(5) Where within a period of one year from the date of submission of the scheme to the Central Government under sub-section (2), no order passed by the Central Government has been communicated to the person, authority or institution submitting the scheme, such scheme shall be deemed to have been approved by the Central Government in the form in which it had been submitted, and accordingly, the permission of the Central Government required under sub-section (1) shall also be deemed to have been granted.

(6) In computing the time-limit specified in sub-section (5), the time taken by the person, authority or institution concerned submitting the scheme in furnishing any particulars called for by the Council or by the Central Government, shall be excluded.

(7) The Council, while making its recommendations under clause (b) of sub-section (3) and the Central Government, while passing an order either approving or disapproving the scheme under sub-section (4), shall have due regard to the following factors, namely: -

(a) whether the proposed authority or institution for grant of recognised dental qualification or the existing authority or institution seeking to open a new or higher course of study or training, would be in a position to offer the minimum standards of dental education in conformity with the requirements referred to in section 16A and the regulations made under sub-section (1) of section 20;

(b) whether the person seeking to establish an authority or institution or the existing authority or institution seeking to open a new or higher course of study or training or to increase its admission capacity has adequate resources;

(c) whether necessary facilities in respect of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities to ensure proper functioning of the authority or institution or conducting the new course of study or training or accommodating the increased admission capacity have been provided or would be provided within the time-limit specified in the scheme;

(d) whether adequate hospital facilities, having regard to the number of students likely to attend such authority or institution or course of study or training or as a result of the increased admission capacity have been provided or would be provided within the time-limit specified in the scheme;

(e) whether any arrangement has been made or programme drawn to impart proper training to students likely to attend such authority or institution or course of study or training by persons having the recognised dental qualifications;

(f) the requirement of manpower in the field of practice of dentistry : and (g) any other factors as may be prescribed.

(8) Where the Central Government passes an order either approving or disapproving a scheme under this section, a copy of the order shall be communicated to the person, authority or institution concerned.

1. Inserted by the Demists (Amdt.) Act. 1993 (30 of 1993). Section. 2 (w.r.e.f. 27-8-1992).

Section 10B - Non-recognition of dental qualifications in certain cases

(1) Where any authority or institution is established for grant recognised dental qualification except with the previous permission of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of section 10A, no dental qualification granted to any student of such authority or institution shall be a recognised dental qualification for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Where any authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification opens a new or higher course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training) except with the previous permission of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of section 10A, no dental qualification granted to any student of such authority or institution on the basis of such study or

training shall be a recognised dental qualification for the purposes of this Act.

(3) Where any authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification increases its admission capacity in any course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training) except with the previous permission of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of section 10A, no dental qualification granted to any student of such authority or institution on the basis of the increase in its admission capacity shall be a recognised dental qualification for the purposes of this Act.

Explanation. For the purposes of this section, the criteria for identifying a student who has been granted a dental qualification on the basis of such increase in the admission capacity shall be such as may be prescribed.

Section 10C - Time for seeking permission for certain existing authorities

(1) If, after the 1st day of June, 1992 and on and before the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1993 any person has established an authority or institution for grant of recognised dental qualification or any authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification has opened a new or higher course of study or training (including a post-graduate course of study or training) or increased its admission capacity, such person, authority or institution, as the case may be, shall seek, within a period of one year from the commencement of the Dentists (Amendment) Act, 1993, the permission of the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of section 10A.

(2) If any person or, as the case may be, any authority or institution granting recognised dental qualification fails to seek the permission under sub-section (1), the provisions of section 10B shall apply so far as may be, as if permission of the Central Government under section 10A has been refused.]

Section 11 - Qualifications of dental hygienists

Any authority in a¹[State]²[**] which grants a qualification for dental hygienists may apply to the Council to have such qualification, recognised,³and the Council may, after such inquiry, if any, as it thinks fit, and after consulting the Government and the¹[State] Council of the¹[State] in which the authority making the application is situated, declare that such qualification, or such qualification only when granted after a specified date, shall be a recognised dental hygiene qualification for the purposes of this Act.

1. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

2. The words "of India" were omitted, by the Demists (Amdt.) Act. 1993 (30 of 1993). S. 2 (w.r.e.f. 27-8-1992).

3. Such qualification granted by the Dental Wing, Armed Forces Medical College, Poona, the Dental College, Trivendrum and the Dental College and Hospital, Lucknow and M.D.S. degrees of Bangalore and Lucknow Universities have been so recognised -

Section 12 - Qualifications of dental mechanics

The Council may prescribe the period and nature of an apprenticeship or training which shall be undergone and the other conditions which shall be satisfied by a person before he is entitled to be registered under this Act as a dental mechanic.

Section 13 - Effect of recognition

Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, but subject to the provisions of this Act, -

- (a) any recognised dental or dental hygiene qualification shall be a sufficient qualification for enrolment in the appropriate register of any¹[State];
- (b) no person shall, after the first registers are compiled under this Act, be entitled to be enrolled in any register as a dentist or dental hygienist unless he holds a recognised dental or dental hygiene qualification or as a dental mechanic unless he has undergone training which satisfies the prescribed requirements referred to in Section 12.

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- 1. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.
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Section 14 - Power to require information as to courses of study and training and examinations

Every authority in a¹[State]²[* * *] which grants any recognised dental or dental hygiene qualification shall furnish such information as the Council may from time to time require as to the courses of study and training and examinations to be undergone in order to obtain such qualification, as to the ages at which such courses of study and examinations are required to be undergone, and generally as to the requisites for obtaining such qualification.

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- 1. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.
 - 2. The words "of India" were omitted, by A.L.O.1950.
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Section 15 - Inspections

- (1) The Executive Committee¹[may subject to regulations, if any, made by the Council appoint] such number of Inspectors as it deems necessary to attend at any examinations held by authorities in the²[State]³[* *] which grant recognised dental or dental hygiene qualifications and to inspect any institution recognised as a training institution.
- (2) Inspectors appointed under this section shall not interfere with the course of any examination but they shall report to the Executive Committee on the sufficiency of every examination at which they attend and of the courses of study and training at every institution which they inspect, and on any other matters with regard to which the Executive Committee may require them to report.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall forward a copy of such report to the authority or institution concerned and shall also forward copies with remarks, if any, of the authority or institution concerned thereon to the Central Government or the²[State] in which the authority or institution is situated.

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- 1. Substituted for words "may appoint" by the Dentists (Amdt.) Act, 1955 (12 of 1955). Section. 6 (164-1955).
 - 2. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

3. Words 'of India' were omitted, by the Dentists (Amdt.) Act, 1955 (12 of 1955). Section. 6 (164-1955).

Section 15A - Appointment of Visitors

115A. Appointment of Visitors

- (1) The Council may appoint such number of Visitors as it may deem necessity to attend at any examination held by any authority or institution in a State which grants recognised dental qualifications and to inspect any institution training students for recognised dental qualifications.
- (2) Any person, whether he is a member of the Council or not, may be appointed as a Visitor under this section, but a person who is appointed as an Inspector under section 15 for any inspection or examination shall not be appointed as a Visitor for the same inspection or examination.
- (3) The Visitor shall not interfere with the course of any examination but shall report to the President of the Council on the sufficiency of every examination at which he attends and of the courses of study and training at every institution which he inspects and on the adequacy of the standards of dental education including staff, equipment, accommodation and other facilities prescribed for giving dental education, and on any other matters with regard to which the Council may require him to report.
- (4) The report of a Visitor shall be treated as confidential unless in any particular case the President of the Council otherwise directs:

Provided that if the Central Government requires a copy of the report of a Visitor, the Council shall furnish the same.]

1. Inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972). Section. 9 (1-11-72).

Section 16 - Withdrawal of recognition

- (1) When upon report by the Executive Committee it appears to the Council -
 - (a) that the courses of study and training or the examinations to be undergone in order to obtain a recognised1[* * *] dental hygiene qualification from any authority in a2[State]3[* *] or the conditions for admission to such courses or the standards of proficiency required from the candidates at such examinations are not in conformity with regulations made under this Act or fall short of the standards required thereby, or
 - (b) that an institution does not satisfy the requirements of the Council, the Council may send to the Government of the2[State] in which the authority or institution is situated a statement to such effect, and the2[State] Government shall forward it, along with such remarks as it may think fit, to the authority or institution concerned with an intimation of the period within which the authority or institution may submit its explanation to the2[State] Government.
 - (2) On receipt of the explanation, or where no explanation is submitted within the period fixed, then on the expiry of the period, the2[State] Government shall after consulting the2[State] Council, forward its recommendations and those of the2[State] Council, if any, to the Council.
 - (3) The Council, after considering the recommendations of the2[State] Government and the2[State] Council and after such further inquiry, if any, as it may think fit to make, may declare that the qualification granted by the authority or institution shall be a recognised1[* *] dental hygiene qualification only when granted before a specified date.
 - (4) The Council may declare that any recognised1[* *] dental hygiene qualification granted outside the2[States]3[* *] shall be recognised as such only if granted before a specified date.
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1. Words "dental or" omitted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972) Section. 10(1-11-72).
2. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.
3. The words "of India" were omitted, by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972). Section. 9 (1-11-72).

Section 16A - Withdrawal of recognition of recognised dental qualifications

- (1) When, upon report by the Executive Committee or the Visitor, it appears to the Council
 - (a) that the courses of study and training or the examination to be undergone in order to obtain a recognised dental qualification from any authority or institution in a State, or the conditions for admission to such courses or the standards of proficiency required from the candidates at such examinations are not in conformity with the regulations made under this Act or fall short of the standards required thereby, or
 - (b) that an institution does not, in the matter of staff, equipment, accommodation, training and other facilities, satisfy the requirements of the Council,the Council shall send a statement to that effect to the Central Government.
- (2) After considering such a statement, the Central Government may send it to the Government of the State in which the authority exercises power or the institution is situated, and the State Government shall forward it, along with such remarks as it may think fit to make, to the authority or institution concerned, with an intimation of the period within which the authority or institution may submit its explanation to the State Government.
- (3) After considering the explanation, or where no explanation is submitted within the period fixed, then, on the expiry of that period, the State Government shall make its recommendations to the Central Government.
- (4) The Central Government may, after considering the recommendations of the State Government and after making such further inquiry, if any, as it may think fit, by notification in the Official Gazette, direct that an entry shall be made in Part I of the Schedule against the qualification granted by the authority or institution declaring that it shall be a recognised dental qualification only when granted before a specified date or that the said recognised dental qualification if granted to students of a specified college or institution affiliated to any University shall be a recognised dental qualification only when granted before a specified date or, as the case maybe, that the said recognised dental qualification shall be a recognised dental qualification in relation to a specified college or institution affiliated to any University only when granted after a specified date.]

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1. Inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972) Section. 11 (1-11-72).
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Section 17 - Mode of declarations

All declarations under¹[* *] section 11 or section 16 shall be made by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council and shall forthwith be published in the Official Gazette.

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1. Words and figure "section 10" omitted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972) Section. 12(1-11-72).
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Section 17A - Professional conduct

1[17A. Professional conduct

- (1) The Council may prescribe standards of professional conduct and etiquette or the code of ethics for dentists.

(2) Regulations made by the Council under sub-section (1) may specify which violations thereof shall constitute infamous conduct in any professional respect, that is to say, professional misconduct, and such provision shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force.)

1. Inserted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972) Section. 13 (1-11-72),

Section 18 - The Indian Register

(1) The Council shall maintain a register of dentists to be known as the Indian Dentists Register and consisting of the entries in all the 1 [State] registers of dentists.

(2) Each 1 [State] Council shall supply to the Council twenty printed copies of the 1 [State] register as soon as may be after the 1st day of April of each year, and each Register shall inform the Council without delay of all additions to and other amendments in the 1 [State] register.

1. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

Section 19 - Information to be furnished

(1) The Council shall furnish copies of its minutes and of the minutes of the Executive Committee and an annual report of its activities together with an abstract of its accounts to the Central Government.

(2) The Central Government may publish in such manner as it thinks fit any report, copy or abstract furnished to it under this section.

Section 20 - Power to make regulations

(1) The Council may, with the approval of the Central Government, 1 [by notification in the Official Gazette] make regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act to carry out the purposes of this Chapter.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power such regulations may-

(a) provide for the management of the property of the Council 2 [* * * *]

(b) prescribe the manner in which elections under this Chapter shall be conducted;

(c) provide for the summoning and holding of meeting of the Council and the Executive Committee, the times and places at which such meetings shall be held, the conduct of business thereat and the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum;

(d) prescribe the functions of the Executive Committee;

(e) prescribe the powers and duties of the President and Vice- President;

(f) prescribe the tenure of office and the powers and duties of the Secretary, 2 [and other officers and servants of the Council, and Inspectors, and Visitors appointed by the Council];

4 [(fa) prescribe the form of the scheme, the particulars to be given in such scheme, the manner in which the scheme is to be preferred and the fee payable with the scheme under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 10A;

(fb) prescribe any other factors under clause (g) of sub-section (7) of section 10A;

(fc) prescribe the criteria for identifying a student who has been granted a denial qualification referred to in the Explanation to sub-section (3) of section 10B;]

(g) prescribe the standard curricula for the training of dentists and dental hygienists, and the conditions for admission to courses of such training;

(h) prescribe the standards of examinations and other requirements to be satisfied to secure for the qualifications recognition under this Act:

(i) any other matter which is to be or may be prescribed under this Act:

Provided that regulations under clauses (g) and (h) shall be made after consultation with⁵ [State] Governments.

(3) To enable the Council to be first constituted the Central Government may make regulations for the conduct of the elections to the Council, and any regulation so made may be altered or rescinded by the Council in exercise of its powers under this section.

⁶[(4) Every regulation made under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the regulation or both Houses agree that the regulation should not be made, the regulation shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that regulation.]

1. Inserted by the Delegated Legislation Provisions (Amdt.) Act, 1985(4 of 1986).Section.2, Schedule.Ent.22 (1)(i) (15-5-1986).

2. Words "and the maintenance and audit of its accounts" omitted by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972.) Section.14 (1-11-72).

3. Substituted for words "Inspectors and other officers and servants of the Council", by Dentists (Amdt.) Act (42 of 1972.) Section.14 (1-11-72).

4. Inserted by the Dentists (Amdt.) Act. 1993 (30 of 1993). S.3(w.r.e.f. 27-8-1992).

5. Substituted for the word 'Provincial' by A.L.O., 1950.

6. Inserted by the Delegated Legislation Provisions (Amdt.) Act, 1985(4 of 1986).Section.2, Sch.Ent.22 (1) (i). Section.2 Schedule. Ent. 22(1) (ii) (15-5-1986).
