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[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 28 March 2003]

**An Act to provide for the registration of dental technicians and dental  
prosthetists, and for other purposes**

**PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

*Division 1—Introduction*

**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 2001*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

*Division 2—Operation of Act*

**3 Act binds all persons**

(1) This Act binds all persons, including the State.

(2) Nothing in this Act makes the State liable to be prosecuted for an offence.

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#### **4 The legislative scheme**

This Act is part of a legislative scheme (the “**legislative scheme**”) consisting of the health practitioner registration Acts, the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999* and the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

#### **5 Board’s decisions to accord with decisions of certain bodies under the Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999**

(1) This section applies if the board is making—

- (a) a decision on an application for registration; or
- (b) a decision, under this Act, affecting a registrant’s registration.

(2) The decision must comply with, and be consistent with, any decision of the board, a disciplinary committee, a professional conduct review panel, the Health Practitioners Tribunal or the Court of Appeal, affecting the applicant or registration, under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

#### **6 Mutual recognition legislation not affected**

This Act does not affect the operation of the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992* or the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1999*.

### *Division 3—Objects*

#### **7 Objects of Act**

(1) The objects of this Act are—

- (a) to protect the public by ensuring health care is delivered by registrants in a professional, safe and competent way; and
- (b) to uphold the standards of practice within the professions; and
- (c) to maintain public confidence in the professions.

(2) The objects are to be achieved mainly by—



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- (a) establishing the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board of Queensland; and
- (b) providing for the registration of persons under this Act; and
- (c) imposing obligations on persons in relation to the practice of the professions; and
- (d) providing for compliance with this Act to be monitored and enforced.

*Division 4—Interpretation*

**8 Definitions**

The dictionary in schedule 4 defines particular words used in this Act.

**PART 2—DENTAL TECHNICIANS AND DENTAL  
PROSTHETISTS BOARD OF QUEENSLAND**

*Division 1—Establishment and functions*

**9 Establishment of board**

(1) The Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board of Queensland is established.

(2) The board—

- (a) is a body corporate; and
- (b) has a common seal; and
- (c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name.

**10 Board's relationship with the State**

The board does not represent the State.

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## **11 Functions of board**

The board has the following functions—

- (a) to assess applications for registration;
- (b) to register persons who satisfy the requirements for registration;
- (c) to monitor, and assess, whether registrants comply with any conditions of registration;
- (d) to keep a register of, and records relating to, registrants;
- (e) to promote high standards of practice of the professions by registrants;
- (f) to develop or adopt programs for the continuing professional education of registrants, and encourage their participation in the programs;
- (g) to develop or adopt training programs in the practice of the professions that are relevant to a person's eligibility for registration;

*Example of 'training programs'—*

Refresher courses for persons who have not practised a profession for a number of years.

- (h) to confer and cooperate with interstate regulatory authorities;
- (i) to confer and cooperate with entities engaged in the development of national policies about the regulation of the professions;
- (j) to confer and cooperate with the following entities about the education of persons in the practice of the professions—
  - (i) educational institutions;
  - (ii) entities responsible for accrediting courses, or accrediting institutions to educate persons, for the professions;
- (k) to inform registrants and the public about the operation of the legislative scheme in its application to the professions;
- (l) to examine, and advise the Minister about, the operation of the legislative scheme in its application to the professions;
- (m) to monitor, and enforce, compliance with this Act;
- (n) to undertake research, relevant to the legislative scheme, into the regulation of the professions;

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- (o) to collect, and give to persons, information about the practice of the professions by registrants;

*Example of 'information about the practice of the professions by registrants'—*

The languages, other than English, spoken by registrants.

- (p) to perform other functions given to the board under this or another Act.

*Example for paragraph (p)—*

Under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, section 374, the board may develop codes of practice, or adopt another entity's code of practice, to provide guidance to registrants as to appropriate professional conduct of practice.

## **12 Board's independence etc.**

In performing its functions, the board is to act independently, impartially and in the public interest.

## **13 Powers of board**

(1) The board has all the powers of an individual, and may, for example—

- (a) enter into contracts; and
- (b) enter into service agreements; and
- (c) acquire, hold, dispose of, and deal with, property; and
- (d) appoint agents and attorneys; and
- (e) engage consultants; and
- (f) fix charges, and other terms, for services and other facilities it supplies; and
- (g) do anything else necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, its functions.

(2) This section does not authorise the board to obtain administrative and operational support other than as required by the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999*.

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(3) Without limiting subsection (1), the board has the powers given to it under this or another Act.

(4) The board may exercise its powers inside or outside Queensland.

(5) Without limiting subsection (4), the board may exercise its powers outside Australia.

#### **14 Delegation by board**

(1) The board may delegate its powers under this Act to—

- (a) a member; or
- (b) a committee of the board consisting of appropriately qualified persons, 1 of whom must be a member; or
- (c) the executive officer; or
- (d) with the agreement of the executive officer—an appropriately qualified member of the office’s staff.

(2) However, the board may not delegate its power under this Act—

- (a) to decide to register, or refuse to register, an applicant for registration; or
- (b) to decide to refuse to renew a renewable registration; or
- (c) to decide to refuse to restore a renewable registration; or
- (d) to decide to cancel a registration; or
- (e) to decide to impose, or remove, conditions on a registration; or
- (f) to enter into a service agreement.

(3) In this section—

**“appropriately qualified”** includes having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.

*Example of ‘standing’ for a member of the office’s staff—*

The staff member’s classification level in the office.

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***Division 2—Membership***

**15 Membership of board**

(1) The board consists of at least 7, but not more than 11, members appointed by the Governor in Council.

(2) The board must include—

- (a) persons who are general registrants (the “**registrant members**”); and
- (b) persons (the “**public members**”) having an interest in, and knowledge of, consumer health issues who are not, and have not been—
  - (i) registered under a health practitioner registration Act or an earlier corresponding Act; or
  - (ii) registered or enrolled under the *Nursing Act 1992* or an earlier corresponding Act; or
  - (iii) registered or enrolled under a law applying, or that applied, in another State or foreign country that provides, or provided, for the same matter as a health practitioner registration Act or the *Nursing Act 1992* or a provision of the Act; and
- (c) 1 lawyer nominated by the Minister.

(3) Also, the Minister may nominate persons who do not belong to the categories of persons mentioned in subsection (2) to be members.

(4) The registrant members must consist of—

- (a) at least 2 registrants who are dental technicians but not dental prosthetists; and
- (b) at least 2 registrants who are dental prosthetists.

(5) A majority of the members must be registrant members.

(6) In this section—

“**earlier corresponding Act**”, in relation to a health practitioner registration Act, means an earlier Act that provided for the same matter as the health practitioner registration Act or a provision of the health practitioner registration Act.

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**“earlier corresponding Act”**, in relation to the *Nursing Act 1992*, means an earlier Act that provided for the same matter as the *Nursing Act 1992* or a provision of the *Nursing Act 1992*.

## 16 Registrant members

The registrant members must consist of—

- (a) at least 1 dental technician nominated by the bodies the Minister considers represent the interests of dental technicians; and
- (b) at least 1 dental prosthetist nominated by the bodies the Minister considers represent the interests of dental prosthetists; and
- (c) if there are educational institutions established in the State—1 general registrant nominated by the governing bodies of the institutions chosen by the Minister; and
- (d) at least 1 general registrant nominated by the Minister.

## 17 Public members

The public members must consist of—

- (a) at least 1 person nominated by community groups and other entities the Minister considers have an interest in consumer health issues; and
- (b) at least 1 other person nominated by the Minister.

## 18 Certain nominee board members

(1) This section applies for the nomination of a person or persons for a position or positions on the board under section 16(a), (b) or (c) or 17(a).

(2) The Minister must give the entities who may make the nomination notice stating a reasonable period within which they may nominate the person or persons for the position or positions.

(3) The Minister may in the notice ask the entities to nominate more than the required number of persons for the position or positions.

(4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), if the entities nominate more than the required number of persons for the position or positions—

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- (a) the Minister must choose the nominee or nominees for the position or positions from the nominations; and
- (b) the person or persons chosen are taken to be the nominee or nominees, under the relevant provision mentioned in subsection (1), for the position or positions.

(5) Subsection (6) applies if—

- (a) the entities do not nominate a person or persons for the position or positions within the period stated in the notice; or
- (b) the entities nominate a number of persons for the position or positions that is less than the number requested by the Minister under subsection (3); or
- (c) the person or any of the persons nominated by the entities are not eligible to be appointed to the position or positions concerned.

(6) The Minister must nominate a person or persons eligible to be appointed to the position or positions and the nomination or nominations are taken to have been made by the entities.

(7) To remove doubt, if subsection (5)(b) applies, it is declared that a nomination under subsection (6) may be of, or include, a person or persons nominated by the entities.

## **19 Chairperson and deputy chairperson of board**

(1) The Governor in Council is to appoint a registrant member to be the chairperson, and another registrant member to be the deputy chairperson, of the board.

(2) A person may be appointed as the chairperson or deputy chairperson at the same time the person is appointed as a member.

(3) The chairperson or deputy chairperson holds office for the term decided by the Governor in Council, unless the person's term of office as a member ends sooner than the person's term of office as chairperson or deputy chairperson.

(4) A vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson or deputy chairperson if the person holding the office resigns the office by signed notice of resignation given to the Minister or ceases to be a registrant member.

(5) However, a person resigning the office of chairperson or deputy chairperson may continue to be a member.

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(6) The deputy chairperson is to act as chairperson—

- (a) during a vacancy in the office of chairperson; and
- (b) during all periods when the chairperson is absent from duty or, for another reason, can not perform the functions of the office.

## **20 Term of appointment**

A member is to be appointed for a term of not more than 4 years.

## **21 Disqualification from membership**

(1) A person can not become, or continue as, a member if the person—

- (a) is affected by bankruptcy action; or
- (b) is, or has been, convicted of an indictable offence; or
- (c) is, or has been, convicted of an offence against this Act.

(2) For subsection (1)(a), a person is affected by bankruptcy action if the person—

- (a) is bankrupt; or
- (b) has compounded with creditors; or
- (c) as a debtor, has otherwise taken, or applied to take, advantage of any law about bankruptcy.

## **22 Vacation of office**

(1) A member is taken to have vacated office if the member—

- (a) resigns his or her position on the board by signed notice of resignation given to the Minister; or
- (b) can not continue as a member under section 21; or
- (c) is absent without the board's permission from 3 consecutive meetings of the board of which due notice has been given.

(2) Also, a member is taken to have vacated office in any of the following circumstances—

- (a) if the member is a registrant member—the member stops being a general registrant;



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- (b) if the member is a public member—the member stops being a person mentioned in section 15(2)(b);
- (c) if the member was nominated, for membership of the board, under section 15(2)(c)—the member stops being a lawyer.

(3) In this section—

“meeting” means the following—

- (a) if the member does not attend—a meeting with a quorum present;
- (b) if the member attends—a meeting with or without a quorum present.

### **23 When notice of resignation takes effect**

A notice of resignation under section 19(4) or 22(1)(a) takes effect when the notice is given to the Minister or, if a later time is stated in the notice, the later time.

### **24 Leave of absence for a member**

(1) The Minister may approve a leave of absence for a member (the “**approved absent member**”) of more than 3 months.

(2) The Minister may appoint another person to act in the office of the approved absent member while the member is absent on the approved leave.

(3) A person appointed under subsection (2) must belong to the same category of persons mentioned in section 15(2) or (3) to which the approved absent member belongs.

(4) If the approved absent member is the deputy chairperson, the Minister may appoint another registrant member to act in the deputy chairperson’s office while the deputy chairperson is absent on the approved leave.

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## **25 Effect of vacancy in membership of board**

(1) Subsection (2) applies despite sections 15 to 17.<sup>1</sup>

(2) The performance of a function, or exercise of a power, by the board is not affected merely because of a vacancy in the membership of the board.

## **26 Remuneration of members**

A member is entitled to be paid the fees and allowances decided by the Governor in Council.

### *Division 3—Board business*

## **27 Conduct of business**

Subject to this division, the board may conduct its business, including its meetings, in the way it considers appropriate.

## **28 Times and places of meetings**

(1) Board meetings are to be held at the times and places the chairperson decides.

(2) However, the chairperson must call a meeting if asked, in writing, to do so by the Minister or at least the number of members forming a quorum for the board.

## **29 Quorum**

A quorum for the board is the number equal to one-half of the number of its members or, if one-half is not a whole number, the next highest whole number.

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 15 (Membership of board), 16 (Registrant members) and 17 (Public members)

### **30 Presiding at meetings**

(1) The chairperson is to preside at all meetings of the board at which the chairperson is present.

(2) If the chairperson is absent from a board meeting, but the deputy chairperson is present, the deputy chairperson is to preside.

(3) If the chairperson and deputy chairperson are both absent from a board meeting or the offices are vacant, a registrant member chosen by the members present is to preside.

### **31 Conduct of meetings**

(1) A question at a board meeting is decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

(2) Each member present at the meeting has a vote on each question to be decided and, if the votes are equal, the member presiding also has a casting vote.

(3) A member present at the meeting who abstains from voting is taken to have voted for the negative.

(4) The board may hold meetings, or allow members to take part in its meetings, by using any technology allowing reasonably contemporaneous and continuous communication between members taking part in the meeting.

*Example of 'technology allowing reasonably contemporaneous and continuous communication'—*

Teleconferencing.

(5) A member who takes part in a board meeting under subsection (4) is taken to be present at the meeting.

(6) A resolution is validly made by the board, even if it is not passed at a board meeting, if—

- (a) a majority of the board members gives written agreement to the resolution; and
- (b) notice of the resolution is given under procedures approved by the board.

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### **32 Minutes**

(1) The board must keep—

- (a) minutes of its meetings; and
- (b) a record of any resolutions made under section 31(6).

(2) Subsection (3) applies if a resolution is passed at a board meeting by a majority of the members present.

(3) If asked by a member who voted against the passing of the resolution, the board must record in the minutes of the meeting that the member voted against the resolution.

### *Division 4—Board committees*

### **33 Committees**

(1) The board may establish committees of the board for effectively and efficiently performing its functions.

(2) A committee may include a person who is not a member of the board.

(3) The board is to decide the terms of reference of a committee.

(4) The functions of a committee are to—

- (a) advise and make recommendations to the board about matters, within the scope of the board's functions, referred by the board to the committee; and
- (b) exercise powers delegated to it by the board.<sup>2</sup>

(5) A committee must keep a record of the decisions it makes when exercising a power delegated to it by the board.

(6) The board may decide matters about a committee that are not provided for under this Act, including, for example, the way a committee must conduct meetings.

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<sup>2</sup> See section 14 for the board's power of delegation.

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### **34 Remuneration of committee members**

A committee member is entitled to be paid the fees and allowances decided by the Governor in Council.

*Division 5—Disclosure of interests by board members and committee members*

### **35 Disclosure of interests**

(1) This section applies to a board or committee member (the “interested person”) if—

- (a) the interested person has a direct or indirect interest in an issue being considered, or about to be considered, by the board or committee; and
- (b) the interest could conflict with the proper performance of the person’s duties about the consideration of the issue.

(2) As soon as practicable after the relevant facts come to the interested person’s knowledge, the person must disclose the nature of the interest to a board or committee meeting.

(3) Unless the board or committee otherwise directs, the interested person must not—

- (a) be present when the board or committee considers the issue; or
- (b) take part in a decision of the board or committee about the issue.

(4) The interested person must not be present when the board or committee is considering whether to give a direction under subsection (3).

(5) If there is another person who must, under subsection (2), also disclose an interest in the issue, the other person must not—

- (a) be present when the board or committee is considering whether to give a direction under subsection (3) about the interested person; or
- (b) take part in making the decision about giving the direction.

(6) If—

- (a) because of this section, a board or committee member is not present at a board or committee meeting for considering or

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deciding an issue, or for considering or deciding whether to give a direction under subsection (3); and

(b) there would be a quorum if the member were present;

the remaining persons present are a quorum of the board or committee for considering or deciding the issue, or for considering or deciding whether to give the direction, at the meeting.

(7) A disclosure under subsection (2) must be recorded in the board's or committee's minutes.

(8) If the interested person is a registrant member, the person does not have a direct or indirect interest in an issue if the interest arises merely because the person is a registrant.

***Division 6—Directions by Minister***

**36 Minister's power to give directions in the public interest**

(1) The Minister may give the board a written direction about a matter relevant to the performance of its functions under this Act if the Minister is satisfied it is necessary to give the direction in the public interest.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the direction may be to—

- (a) give reports and information; or
- (b) apply to the board a policy, standard or other instrument applying to a public sector unit.

(3) The direction can not be about—

- (a) the registering of, or refusal to register, an applicant for registration; or
- (b) the renewing of, or refusal to renew, a renewable registration; or
- (c) the restoring of, or refusal to restore, a renewable registration; or
- (d) the cancelling of a registration; or
- (e) the imposing, or removal, of conditions on a registration.

(4) Despite section 12,<sup>3</sup> the board must comply with the direction.

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3 Section 12 (Board's independence etc.)

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***Division 7—Annual reports***

**37 Matters to be included in annual report**

(1) The board's annual report under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* for a financial year must include the following—

- (a) copies of all ministerial directions given to the board under section 36 during the financial year;
- (b) the number of registrants at the end of the financial year;
- (c) details of the amount of the board's funds spent, in the financial year, on investigations and inspections under part 5;<sup>4</sup>
- (d) details of the amount of the board's funds spent, in the financial year, on developing or adopting training programs in the practice of the professions that are relevant to a person's eligibility for registration;
- (e) details of the amount of the board's funds spent in the financial year on research, relevant to the legislative scheme, into the regulation of the professions;
- (f) details of any policies or programs developed, or initiatives taken, by the board in the financial year for the general benefit of users of registrants' services.

(2) However, the board must exclude from the copies mentioned in subsection (1)(a) all information likely to identify a person mentioned in the direction.

***Division 8—Other provisions about the board***

**38 Board is statutory body under the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977**

The board is a statutory body under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.

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**39 Board is statutory body under the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982**

(1) The board is a statutory body under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

(2) The *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, part 2B<sup>5</sup> sets out the way in which the board's powers under this Act are affected by the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

**40 Board's common seal**

The board's common seal is to be kept in the custody of a person nominated by the board and may be used only as authorised by the board.

**PART 3—REGISTRATION**

*Division 1—Preliminary*

**41 Who may apply for registration**

(1) Only an individual may apply for registration.

(2) Also, only an individual who holds general registration as a dental technician may apply for general registration as a dental prosthetist.

*Division 2—Applications for general registration*

*Subdivision 1—Applications*

**42 Procedural requirements for applications**

(1) An application for general registration in a profession must—

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<sup>5</sup> *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*, part 2B (Powers under this Act and relationship with other Acts)



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- (a) be made to the board; and
- (b) be in the approved form; and
- (c) be accompanied by—
  - (i) satisfactory evidence of relevant qualifications in the profession; and
  - (ii) the application fee prescribed under a regulation (the “**application fee**”); and
  - (iii) the registration fee prescribed under a regulation (the “**registration fee**”); and
  - (iv) any other documents, identified in the approved form, the board reasonably requires; and
  - (v) if the applicant is registered under a corresponding law in the profession, written details of any conditions of the registration.

(2) The approved form may require the disclosure of the applicant’s criminal history.

(3) If the approved form requires the disclosure of the applicant’s criminal history, the *Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986* does not apply to the disclosure.

(4) Information in the application must, if the approved form requires, be verified by a statutory declaration.

***Subdivision 2—Eligibility for general registration***

### **43 Eligibility**

(1) An applicant for general registration in a profession is eligible for general registration in the profession if—

- (a) the applicant is qualified for general registration in the profession under section 44; and
- (b) the applicant is fit to practise the profession.

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(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the board may be satisfied the applicant is eligible for general registration in the profession by imposing conditions on the registration under section 57.<sup>6</sup>

#### **44 When applicant is qualified for general registration**

(1) An applicant for general registration in a profession is qualified for general registration in the profession if—

- (a) the applicant has a qualification in the profession prescribed under a regulation; or
- (b) the applicant has a qualification in the profession that is substantially equivalent to, or based on similar competencies to that required for, a current Australian or New Zealand qualification; or
- (c) the applicant has passed a qualifying examination in the profession set by or for, or recognised by, the board.

(2) In deciding whether subsection (1)(b) is satisfied, the board may have regard to the following—

- (a) the advice and recommendations of—
  - (i) an entity recognised by the board as competent to assess qualifications in the profession; or
  - (ii) an entity responsible for accrediting courses, or accrediting institutions to educate persons, for the profession;
- (b) the attributes of the course leading to the applicant's qualification;

*Example of 'attributes' of a course—*

The course objectives and competencies.

- (c) any other relevant issue.

(3) In this section—

**“current Australian or New Zealand qualification”**, in a profession, means an Australian or New Zealand qualification in the profession, mentioned in a regulation made under subsection (1)(a), that may be conferred or awarded as a result of the successful completion of a

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6 Section 57 (Imposition of conditions by board)

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course offered, at the date of the applicant's application for general registration, by the educational institution mentioned in relation to the qualification.

#### **45 Fitness to practise the profession**

(1) In deciding whether an applicant for general registration in a profession is fit to practise the profession, the board may have regard to the following—

- (a) the applicant's mental and physical health;
- (b) the applicant's command of the English language;
- (c) the applicant's criminal history;
- (d) if the applicant has been registered under this Act or the repealed Act in the profession or is, or has been, registered under a corresponding law in the profession and the registration was affected—
  - (i) by the imposition of a condition—the nature of the condition and the reason for its imposition; or
  - (ii) by its suspension or cancellation—the reason for its suspension or cancellation; or
  - (iii) in another way—the way it was affected and the reason for it being affected;
- (e) if the qualification relied on by the applicant to obtain registration was conferred or awarded on a day (the “**qualification day**”) that is more than 3 years before the date of application, the nature, extent and period of any practice of the profession by the applicant since the qualification day;
- (f) any other issue relevant to the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession.

(2) When having regard to the applicant's criminal history under subsection (1)(c), the board must have particular regard to the following—

- (a) any conviction of the applicant for an indictable offence;
- (b) any conviction of the applicant for an offence against the repealed Act, this Act, the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999* or a corresponding law;

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- (c) any conviction of the applicant for an offence, relating to the practice of the profession—
  - (i) against the *Health Act 1937* or the *Fair Trading Act 1989*; or
  - (ii) against another law applying, or that applied, in the State, the Commonwealth, another State or a foreign country.
- (3) For subsection (1)(e)—
  - (a) the passing of an examination mentioned in section 44(1)(c) is taken to be a qualification; and
  - (b) the day the examination was passed is taken to be the qualification day.
- (4) The board may ask the commissioner of the police service for a written report about the applicant's criminal history.
- (5) If asked by the board, the commissioner of the police service must give the board a written report about the criminal history of the applicant, including the criminal history in the commissioner's possession or to which the commissioner has access.
- (6) The *Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986* does not apply to the asking for, or giving of, the report.

***Subdivision 3—Inquiries into applications***

**46 Board's powers before deciding applications**

- (1) Before deciding the application, the board—
  - (a) may investigate the applicant; and
  - (b) may, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to give the board, within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, further information or a document the board reasonably requires to decide the application; and
  - (c) may, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to undergo a written, oral or practical examination within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place; and

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(d) may, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to undergo a health assessment within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place.

(2) The board may require the information or document mentioned in subsection (1)(b) to be verified by a statutory declaration.

(3) The purpose of an examination under subsection (1)(c) must be to assess the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession to which the application relates.

(4) The purpose of an assessment under subsection (1)(d) must be to assess the applicant's mental and physical capacity to competently and safely practise the profession to which the application relates.

(5) The applicant is taken to have withdrawn the application if, within the stated time, the applicant—

- (a) does not comply with a requirement under subsection (1)(b); or
- (b) does not undergo an examination under subsection (1)(c); or
- (c) does not undergo an assessment under subsection (1)(d).

(6) A notice under subsection (1)(b), (c) or (d) must be given to the applicant within 60 days after the board receives the application.

(7) Also, a notice under subsection (1)(d) must state—

- (a) the reason for the assessment; and
- (b) the name and qualifications of the person appointed by the board to conduct the assessment; and
- (c) the place where, and the day and time at which, the assessment is to be conducted.

#### **47 Appointment of appropriately qualified person to conduct health assessment**

(1) This section applies if the board believes it is necessary for the applicant to undergo a health assessment under section 46(1)(d).

(2) The board may appoint 1 or more appropriately qualified persons to conduct the assessment, in whole or part.

(3) At least 1 of the persons appointed to conduct the assessment must be a medical practitioner.

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(4) If the board considers it relevant to the assessment, it may disclose the applicant's criminal history to a person appointed to conduct the assessment.

(5) The *Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986* does not apply to the disclosure.

(6) Before appointing a person to conduct a health assessment, the board must be satisfied the person does not have a personal or professional connection with the applicant that may prejudice the way in which the person conducts the assessment.

(7) In this section—

**“appropriately qualified”**, for a medical practitioner or other person conducting a health assessment, includes having the qualifications, experience, skills or knowledge appropriate to conduct the assessment.

#### **48 Report about health assessment**

(1) A person appointed under section 47 to conduct all or part of a health assessment of the applicant must prepare a report about the assessment (an **“assessment report”**).

(2) The assessment report must include—

- (a) the person's findings as to the applicant's mental and physical capacity to competently and safely practise the profession to which the applicant's application relates; and
- (b) if the person finds the applicant does not have the mental and physical capacity to practise the profession, the person's recommendations as to any conditions that could be imposed on the applicant's registration as a general registrant in the profession to overcome the incapacity.

(3) The person must give the assessment report to the board.

#### **49 Use of assessment report**

(1) An assessment report is not admissible in any proceedings, other than stated proceedings.

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(2) A person can not be compelled to produce the report, or to give evidence relating to the report or its contents, in any proceedings, other than stated proceedings.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if the report is admitted or produced, or evidence relating to the report or its contents is given, with the consent of the person who prepared the report and the person to whom the report relates.

(4) In this section—

“**assessment report**” includes a copy of the report, or a part of the report or copy.

“**proceedings under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999***” includes a health assessment of a registrant by a health assessment committee under that Act.

“**stated proceedings**” means—

- (a) a review of conditions under division 7;<sup>7</sup> or
- (b) an appeal started under part 6;<sup>8</sup> or
- (c) proceedings under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, not including proceedings for an offence against that Act.

## 50 Payment for health assessments and reports

A person who conducts a health assessment and prepares an assessment report for the board is entitled to be paid for his or her work by the board.

### *Subdivision 4—Decision on applications*

## 51 Decision

The board must consider the application and decide to register, or refuse to register, the applicant as a general registrant in the profession to which the application relates.

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7 Division 7 (Reviewing conditions of general registrations)

8 Part 6 (Appeals)

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## **52 Steps to be taken after application decided**

(1) If the board decides to register the applicant as a general registrant, it must as soon as practicable issue a certificate of general registration to the applicant.

(2) If the board decides to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant, it must as soon as practicable give the applicant an information notice about the decision.

(3) If the board decides to register the applicant as a dental prosthetist, the registrant's registration is subject to the conditions, other than any recency of practice conditions, attaching to the applicant's general registration as a dental technician immediately before the decision takes effect.

(4) Subsection (3) does not limit the board's power under section 57 to impose conditions on the applicant's general registration as a dental prosthetist.

## **53 Failure to decide applications**

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the board fails to decide the application within 60 days after its receipt, the failure is taken to be a decision by the board to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant.

(2) Subsection (3) applies if the board has—

- (a) under section 46(1)(b),<sup>9</sup> required the applicant to give the board further information or a document; or
- (b) under section 46(1)(c), required the applicant to undergo an examination; or
- (c) under section 46(1)(d), required the applicant to undergo a health assessment.

(3) The board is taken to have decided to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant if it fails to decide the application by the latest of the following days—

- (a) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the further information or document;

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<sup>9</sup> Section 46 (Board's powers before deciding applications)



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- (b) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the results of the examination;
- (c) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the assessment report.

(4) This section does not apply if the applicant is registered as a provisional general registrant.<sup>10</sup>

(5) This section is subject to section 54.

#### **54 Further consideration of applications**

(1) This section applies if the board considers it needs further time to make a decision on the application because of the complexity of the matters that need to be considered in deciding the application.

*Example of an application for general registration that may require the consideration of complex matters—*

An application requiring the board to obtain and consider information about the applicant from a foreign regulatory authority.

(2) The board may at any time before the final consideration day give notice to the applicant that—

- (a) because of the complexity of the matters that need to be considered in deciding the application, the board needs further time to decide the application; and
- (b) the period within which the board must decide the application is extended to a day (the “**extended day**”) that is 60 days after the final consideration day.

(3) Also, the applicant and board may at any time before the final consideration day agree in writing on a day (the “**agreed extended day**”) by which the application is to be decided.

(4) The board is taken to have decided to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant if it does not decide the application by—

- (a) if subsection (2) applies—the extended day; or
- (b) if subsection (3) applies—the agreed extended day; or

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<sup>10</sup> If the applicant is registered as a provisional general registrant, section 67 states when the board is taken to have decided to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant.

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- (c) if both subsections (2) and (3) apply—the later of the extended day or agreed extended day.

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply if the applicant is registered as a provisional general registrant.<sup>11</sup>

(6) In this section—

**“final consideration day”** means the latest of the following days—

- (a) the day that is 60 days after receipt of the application;
- (b) if the board has, under section 46(1)(b), required the applicant to give the board further information or a document—the day that is 60 days after the board receives the further information or document;
- (c) if the board has, under section 46(1)(c), required the applicant to undergo an examination—the day that is 60 days after the board receives the results of the examination;
- (d) if the board has, under section 46(1)(d), required the applicant to undergo a health assessment—the day that is 60 days after the board receives the assessment report.

*Subdivision 5—Information in certificates of general registration*

## **55 Forms of certificates of general registration**

(1) A certificate of general registration must be in the approved form.

(2) The approved form must provide for the inclusion of the following—

- (a) the registrant’s name;
- (b) the profession to which the registration relates;
- (c) the period of the registration;
- (d) any conditions of registration.

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11 If the applicant is registered as a provisional general registrant, section 67 states when the board is taken to have decided to refuse to register the applicant as a general registrant.

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***Subdivision 6—Period of general registration***

**56 Period**

(1) The period of registration that is to apply to general registrants in a profession is the period (the “**general registration period**”), not more than 3 years, prescribed under a regulation.

(2) If the board decides to register an applicant for general registration as a general registrant in a profession during a general registration period for the profession, the registration remains in force for the period—

- (a) commencing on the day when the board makes the decision; and
- (b) ending on the last day of the general registration period.

***Subdivision 7—Conditions of general registration***

**57 Imposition of conditions by board**

(1) The board may decide to register an applicant for general registration in a profession as a general registrant in the profession on conditions the board considers necessary or desirable for the applicant to competently and safely practise the profession.

*Examples of conditions of general registration—*

1. A condition that a general registrant only practise the profession under the supervision of another general registrant.
2. A condition prohibiting a general registrant engaging in stated procedures related to the practice of the profession.

(2) If the board decides to register an applicant for general registration as a general registrant on conditions, it must as soon as practicable—

- (a) also decide the review period applying to the conditions;<sup>12</sup> and
- (b) give the applicant an information notice about the decisions.

(3) If the board decides to register an applicant for general registration as a general registrant on conditions because of the applicant’s mental and physical health, it must also decide whether details of the conditions must

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12 The conditions may be reviewed under division 7 (Reviewing conditions of general registrations).

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be recorded in the register for the period for which the conditions are in force.

(4) The board must decide not to record details of the conditions mentioned in subsection (3) in the register unless it reasonably believes it is in the interests of users of the registrant's services or the public to know the details.

### **58 Contravention of conditions**

A general registrant must not contravene a condition of the registration imposed under this Act.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

### *Division 3—Provisional general registration*

### **59 Meaning of “authorised person” for div 3**

(1) In this division—

“authorised person” means any of the following persons who are authorised by the board to decide to register a person as a provisional general registrant in a profession—

- (a) the executive officer;
- (b) a member;
- (c) a member of the office's staff.

(2) An authority mentioned in subsection (1) may be limited by reference to specified conditions, exceptions or factors.

### **60 Provisional general registration of a person**

(1) Subsection (2) applies if an authorised person reasonably considers—

- (a) an applicant for general registration in a profession is eligible for the registration without conditions; and
- (b) because of the period before the board is likely to consider the application in the ordinary course of its business, it is not

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reasonable for the applicant to have to wait for the board to consider the application.

(2) The authorised person may decide to register the applicant as a provisional general registrant in the profession.

(3) Subsection (4) applies if an authorised person or the board—

(a) reasonably considers, subject to an applicant for general registration in a profession giving the board further evidence of the applicant's relevant qualification, the applicant is eligible for the registration without conditions; or

(b) reasonably considers—

(i) an applicant for general registration in a profession would be eligible for general registration in the profession without conditions, other than for the fact that the relevant qualification relied on by the applicant has not been conferred on, or awarded to, the applicant; and

(ii) the applicant is entitled to have the relevant qualification conferred on, or awarded to, him or her.

(4) The authorised person or board may decide to register the applicant as a provisional general registrant in the profession.

(5) If the authorised person or board decides to register the applicant as a provisional general registrant, the authorised person or board must as soon as practicable issue a certificate of provisional general registration to the applicant.

(6) An authorised person or the board may not decide to register a person as a provisional general registrant on conditions.

## **61 Confirmation or cancellation of provisional general registration**

(1) If an authorised person decides to register an applicant for general registration as a provisional general registrant, the authorised person must as soon as practicable report to the board about the basis for the authorised person's decision.

(2) The board must consider the report and decide whether to confirm or cancel the provisional general registration.

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(3) In making its decision, the board must consider whether the authorised person should have decided to register the applicant as a provisional general registrant.

(4) If the board decides to cancel the provisional general registration, it must as soon as practicable give the applicant notice of its decision.

## **62 Procedure after cancellation of provisional general registration**

(1) This section applies if the board decides, under section 61, to cancel a person's provisional general registration.

(2) The notice of cancellation must include the reason for the decision.

(3) The decision takes effect on the day the notice is given to the person.

(4) The person must return the certificate of provisional general registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(5) Even though the board decides to cancel a person's provisional general registration, it must still consider the person's application for general registration.

## **63 Form of certificate of provisional general registration**

(1) A certificate of provisional general registration must be in the approved form.

(2) The approved form must provide for the inclusion of the following—

(a) the registrant's name;

(b) the profession to which the registration relates;

(c) the period of the registration.

## **64 Period**

The provisional general registration of a person remains in force for the period, not more than 6 months, decided by the authorised person or board when deciding to register the person as a provisional general registrant.

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**65 Board decides to register provisional general registrant as a general registrant**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person is a provisional general registrant in a profession; and
- (b) the board decides to register the person as a general registrant in the profession.

(2) The provisional general registration is cancelled when the person receives a certificate of general registration under section 52(1).<sup>13</sup>

(3) The general registration is taken to have started from the day the person was registered as a provisional general registrant.

**66 Board decides to refuse to register provisional general registrant as a general registrant**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person is a provisional general registrant in a profession; and
- (b) the board decides to refuse to register the person as a general registrant in the profession.

(2) The provisional general registration is cancelled when an information notice about the decision is given to the person under section 52(2).

(3) The person must return the certificate of provisional general registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the information notice, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—10 penalty units.

**67 Deemed refusal by board to register provisional general registrant as a general registrant**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person is a provisional general registrant in a profession; and

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(b) other than for section 53(4) or 54(5),<sup>14</sup> the board would have been taken to have decided to refuse to register the person as a general registrant in the profession.

(2) The board is taken to have decided to refuse to register the person as a general registrant on the expiry of the provisional general registration.

*Division 4—Renewal of general registrations*

*Subdivision 1—Preliminary*

**68 Meaning of “recency of practice requirements”**

(1) “**Recency of practice requirements**”, for a profession, are requirements, prescribed under a regulation, that if satisfied demonstrate that an applicant for renewal of a general registration in the profession has maintained an adequate connection with the profession.

(2) The requirements may include requirements about the following—

- (a) the nature, extent and period of practice of the profession by the applicant;
- (b) the nature and extent of any continuing professional education undertaken by the applicant;
- (c) the nature and extent of any research, study or teaching, relating to the profession, undertaken by the applicant;
- (d) the nature and extent of any administrative work, relating to the profession, performed by the applicant.

*Subdivision 2—Applications for renewal of general registrations*

**69 Notification of imminent expiry of registration**

The board must give a general registrant notice of the imminent expiry of the registration at least 60 days before the expiry.

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14 Section 53 (Failure to decide applications) or 54 (Further consideration of applications)



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## **70 Procedural requirements for applications**

(1) A general registrant may apply to the board for the renewal of the registration.

(2) The application may only be decided by the board if it is received within the period—

(a) starting—

(i) 60 days before the expiry of the registration; or

(ii) on an earlier day, if any, stated in the notice given to the registrant under section 69; and

(b) ending immediately before the expiry.

(3) The application must—

(a) be in the approved form; and

(b) be accompanied by—

(i) the registration fee; and

(ii) any documents, identified in the approved form, the board reasonably requires to decide the application.

(4) Information in the application must, if the approved form requires, be verified by a statutory declaration.

(5) The approved form must require the applicant to state the following—

(a) whether the applicant suffers from any ongoing medical condition, of which the applicant is aware, that the applicant knows or ought reasonably to know adversely affects the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession to which the application relates;<sup>15</sup>

(b) If there are recency of practice requirements for the profession relevant to the applicant, details of the extent to which the applicant has satisfied the requirements.

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15 If this information indicates to the board that the applicant may be an impaired registrant under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, the applicant may be dealt with under that Act.

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**71 General registration taken to be in force while application is considered**

(1) If an application is made under section 70, the applicant's general registration is taken to continue in force from the day it would, apart from this section, have expired until—

- (a) if the board decides to renew the applicant's general registration—the day a new certificate of general registration is issued to the applicant under section 75(1); or
- (b) if the board decides to refuse to renew the applicant's general registration—the day an information notice about the decision is given to the applicant under section 75(2); or
- (c) if the application is taken to have been withdrawn under section 72(4)—the day it is taken to have been withdrawn.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the registration is earlier cancelled under this Act or suspended or cancelled under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

*Subdivision 3—Decision on applications*

**72 Inquiries into applications**

(1) Before deciding the application, the board—

- (a) may investigate the applicant; and
- (b) may, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to give the board, within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, further information or a document the board reasonably requires to decide the application; and
- (c) may, if the board is not satisfied the applicant has satisfied recency of practice requirements for the profession to which the application relates, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to undergo a written, oral or practical examination within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place.

(2) The board may require the information or document mentioned in subsection (1)(b) to be verified by a statutory declaration.

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(3) The purpose of an examination under subsection (1)(c) must be to assess any effect the applicant's non-satisfaction of the requirements has on the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession to which the application relates.

(4) The applicant is taken to have withdrawn the application if, within the stated time, the applicant—

- (a) does not comply with a requirement under subsection (1)(b); or
- (b) does not undergo an examination under subsection (1)(c).

### **73 Decision**

(1) The board must consider the application and decide to renew, or refuse to renew, the applicant's general registration.

(2) In making its decision, the board must have regard only to the extent, if any, to which the applicant has satisfied recency of practice requirements for the profession to which the application relates.<sup>16</sup>

(3) If there are no recency of practice requirements for the profession relevant to the applicant, the board must decide to renew the applicant's general registration.

### **74 Recency of practice requirements are not satisfied**

(1) This section applies if the board is not satisfied the applicant has satisfied recency of practice requirements for the profession to which the applicant's application relates.

(2) The board may decide to renew the applicant's general registration on conditions ("**recency of practice conditions**") the board considers will sufficiently address the extent to which the applicant has not satisfied the requirements.

(3) Before deciding to renew the registration on recency of practice conditions, the board must—

- (a) give notice to the applicant—

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<sup>16</sup> Under section 74(2), the board may decide to renew the registration on recency of practice conditions if the board is not satisfied the applicant has satisfied recency of practice requirements for the profession to which the applicant's application relates.

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- (i) of the details of the proposed conditions; and
  - (ii) of the reason for the proposed imposition of the conditions; and
  - (iii) that the applicant may make a written submission to the board about the proposed conditions within a reasonable time of at least 14 days stated in the notice; and
- (b) have regard to any written submission made to the board by the applicant before the stated day.
- (4) If the board decides to renew the registration on recency of practice conditions, it must as soon as practicable—
- (a) also decide the review period applying to the conditions;<sup>17</sup> and
  - (b) give the applicant an information notice about the decisions.
- (5) The imposition of the conditions takes effect on the later of the following—
- (a) when the information notice is given to the applicant;
  - (b) immediately after the day the registration would have expired, other than for its renewal.

## **75 Steps to be taken after application decided**

(1) If the board decides to renew the applicant's general registration, it must as soon as practicable issue a new certificate of general registration to the applicant.

(2) If the board decides to refuse to renew the applicant's general registration, it must as soon as practicable give the applicant an information notice about the decision.

(3) Without affecting section 74(2), if the board decides to renew the applicant's general registration, the renewed general registration is subject to the conditions attaching to the registration immediately before the decision takes effect.<sup>18</sup>

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17 The conditions may be reviewed under division 7 (Reviewing conditions of general registrations).

18 The conditions may include conditions imposed under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

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***Division 5—Restoration of general registrations***

**76 Application of div 4, sdivs 1 and 3**

For restoring a general registration, division 4, subdivisions 1 and 3, other than sections 74(5) and 75(3),<sup>19</sup> apply as if—

- (a) an application for renewal of a general registration were an application for restoration of a general registration; and
- (b) an applicant for renewal of a general registration were an applicant for restoration of a general registration; and
- (c) a renewal of a general registration were a restoration of a general registration.

**77 When an application for restoration of a general registration may be made**

If a person's general registration has expired, the person may apply to the board for restoration of the registration within 3 months after the expiry.

**78 Procedural requirements for applications**

(1) The application must—

- (a) be in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by—
  - (i) the restoration fee prescribed under a regulation (the “**restoration fee**”); and
  - (ii) any documents, identified in the approved form, the board reasonably requires to decide the application.

(2) Information in the application must, if the approved form requires, be verified by a statutory declaration.

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<sup>19</sup> Division 4 (Renewal of general registrations), subdivisions 1 (Preliminary) and 3 (Decision on applications), sections 74 (Recency of practice requirements are not satisfied) and 75 (Steps to be taken after application decided)

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(3) The approved form must require the applicant to state the following—

- (a) whether the applicant suffers from any ongoing medical condition, of which the applicant is aware, that the applicant knows or ought reasonably to know adversely affects the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession to which the application relates;<sup>20</sup>
- (b) if there are recency of practice requirements for the profession relevant to the applicant, details of the extent to which the applicant has satisfied the requirements.

## **79 Restoration of general registration as dental prosthetist**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person holds general registration as a dental technician and dental prosthetist; and
- (b) the person's general registration as a dental prosthetist expires; and
- (c) the person applies under section 77 for the restoration of the person's general registration as a dental prosthetist.

(2) The board must decide not to restore the person's general registration as a dental prosthetist if the person does not hold general registration as a dental technician.

(3) Section 73, as applied by section 76, is subject to this section.

## **80 Period of restored registration**

If the board decides to restore the applicant's general registration in a profession during a general registration period for the profession, the registration remains in force for the period—

- (a) commencing on the day when the board makes the decision; and
- (b) ending on the last day of the general registration period.

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<sup>20</sup> If this information indicates to the board that the applicant may be an impaired registrant under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, the applicant may be dealt with under that Act.

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### **81 Conditions of expired registration**

Without affecting section 74(2), as applied by section 76, if the board decides to restore the applicant's general registration, the registration is subject to the conditions attaching to the registration immediately before its expiry.

### **82 When recency of practice conditions take effect**

If the board decides to restore the applicant's general registration on recency of practice conditions, the imposition of the conditions takes effect when the information notice about the decision is given by the board to the applicant.

## *Division 6—Cancellation of general registrations*

### **83 Ground for cancellation**

A person's general registration may be cancelled, under this division, on the ground that the person was registered because of a materially false or misleading representation or declaration.

### **84 Show cause notice**

(1) If the board believes the ground exists to cancel a general registration, the board must before taking action to cancel the registration give the registrant a notice (a “**show cause notice**”).

(2) The show cause notice must—

- (a) state the board proposes to cancel the registration; and
- (b) state the ground for the proposed cancellation; and
- (c) outline the facts and circumstances forming the basis for the ground; and
- (d) if the registration is general registration as a dental technician and the registrant is also registered as a dental prosthetist—state that if the general registration as a dental technician is cancelled,

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the general registration or provisional general registration as a dental prosthetist ends;<sup>21</sup> and

- (e) invite the registrant to show within a stated period (the “**show cause period**”) why the registration should not be cancelled.

(3) The show cause period must be a period ending not less than 21 days after the show cause notice is given to the registrant.

### **85 Representations about show cause notices**

(1) The registrant may make written representations about the show cause notice to the board in the show cause period.

(2) The board must consider all written representations (the “**accepted representations**”) made under subsection (1).

### **86 Ending show cause process without further action**

(1) This section applies if, after considering the accepted representations for the show cause notice, the board no longer believes the ground exists to cancel the registration.

(2) The board must not take any further action about the show cause notice.

(3) The board must also as soon as practicable after coming to the belief give notice to the registrant that no further action is to be taken about the show cause notice.

### **87 Cancellation**

(1) This section applies if, after considering the accepted representations for the show cause notice, the board—

- (a) still believes the ground exists to cancel the registration; and
- (b) believes cancellation of the registration is warranted.

(2) This section also applies if there are no accepted representations for the show cause notice.

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<sup>21</sup> See section 119 (Effect on dental prosthetics registration if registration as dental technician ceases to have effect).



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(3) The board may decide to cancel the registration.

(4) If the board decides to cancel the registration, it must as soon as practicable give the registrant an information notice about the decision.

(5) The decision takes effect on the day the information notice is given to the registrant.

### **88 Return of cancelled certificate of general registration to board**

(1) This section applies if the board decides to cancel a general registration and gives an information notice for the decision to the registrant.

(2) The registrant must return the certificate of general registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the information notice, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (2)—10 penalty units.

### *Division 7—Reviewing conditions of general registrations*

#### *Subdivision 1—Review of conditions imposed by the board or District Court*

### **89 Review of conditions**

(1) Conditions imposed on a general registration under this Act may be reviewed under this division.

(2) However, conditions imposed on a general registration as a dental prosthetist under section 52(3)<sup>22</sup> may not be reviewed under this division.<sup>23</sup>

### **90 How registrant may start a review**

(1) The registrant to whom the conditions relate may apply to the board for a review of the conditions.

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22 Section 52 (Steps to be taken after application decided)

23 See section 97 (Effect on dental prosthetic registration if conditions on dental technician registration are changed or removed).

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(2) However, the application must not be made—

- (a) during the review period applying to the conditions; or
- (b) while an appeal to the District Court about the decision to impose the conditions is pending.

(3) The application must—

- (a) be in the approved form; and
- (b) be accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.

(4) The approved form must require the registrant to state—

- (a) that the registrant believes the conditions are no longer appropriate; and
- (b) the reason for the registrant's belief.

(5) The board must consider the application and make a decision under section 95.

## **91 Review of conditions during review period**

(1) This section applies if, during the review period applying to the conditions, the board reasonably believes the conditions may no longer be appropriate.

(2) The board may, with the written agreement of the registrant to whom the conditions relate, review the conditions.

## **92 Board's powers before making decision**

(1) Before making its decision under section 95, the board—

- (a) may investigate the registrant; and
- (b) may, by notice given to the registrant, require the registrant to give the board, within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, further information or a document the board reasonably requires to make the decision; and
- (c) may, by notice given to the registrant, require the registrant to undergo a written, oral or practical examination within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place; and

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(d) may, by notice given to the registrant, require the registrant to undergo a health assessment within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place.

(2) The board may require the information or document mentioned in subsection (1)(b) to be verified by a statutory declaration.

(3) Subject to section 95(2), the purpose of an examination under subsection (1)(c) must be to assess the registrant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession to which the registrant's registration relates.

(4) Subject to section 95(2), the purpose of an assessment under subsection (1)(d) must be to assess the registrant's mental and physical capacity to competently and safely practise the profession to which the registrant's registration relates.

(5) Also, a notice under subsection (1)(d) must state—

- (a) the reason for the assessment; and
- (b) the name and qualifications of the person appointed by the board to conduct the assessment; and
- (c) the place where, and the day and time at which, the assessment is to be conducted.

### **93 Application of ss 47–50**

(1) This section applies if the board believes it is necessary for the registrant to undergo a health assessment under section 92(1)(d).

(2) Sections 47 to 50<sup>24</sup> apply as if—

- (a) an applicant for general registration were the registrant; and
- (b) the reference in section 47(1) to section 46(1)(d)<sup>25</sup> were a reference to section 92(1)(d).

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24 Sections 47 (Appointment of appropriately qualified person to conduct health assessment), 48 (Report about health assessment), 49 (Use of assessment report) and 50 (Payment for health assessments and reports)

25 Section 46 (Board's powers before deciding applications)

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#### **94 Deemed withdrawal of application etc.**

(1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply if the conditions are being reviewed because of an application made by the registrant under section 90.

(2) The registrant is taken to have withdrawn the application if, within the stated time, the registrant—

- (a) does not comply with a requirement under section 92(1)(b); or
- (b) does not undergo an examination under section 92(1)(c); or
- (c) does not undergo an assessment under section 92(1)(d).

(3) A notice under section 92(1)(b), (c) or (d) must be given to the registrant within 60 days after the board receives the application.

(4) Subsections (5) and (6) apply if the conditions are being reviewed under section 91.

(5) The board is taken to have decided to confirm the conditions if, within the stated time, the registrant—

- (a) does not comply with a requirement under section 92(1)(b); or
- (b) does not undergo an examination under section 92(1)(c); or
- (c) does not undergo an assessment under section 92(1)(d).

(6) A notice under section 92(1)(b), (c) or (d) must be given to the registrant within 60 days after the board agrees with the registrant to review the conditions.

#### **95 Decision**

(1) After reviewing the conditions, the board must decide—

- (a) to confirm the conditions; or
- (b) to remove the conditions; or
- (c) to change the conditions.

(2) In making its decision, the board must consider whether the conditions remain necessary or desirable for the registrant to competently and safely practise the profession to which the registrant's registration relates.

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(3) If the board decides to confirm or change the conditions, the conditions may only be confirmed or changed for the reasons the conditions were initially imposed.

(4) If the board decides to confirm or change the conditions, it must as soon as practicable—

- (a) also decide the review period applying to the confirmed or changed conditions; and
- (b) give the registrant an information notice about the decisions.

(5) If the board decides to remove the conditions, it must as soon as practicable give the registrant notice of the decision.

## **96 When decision takes effect**

(1) If the board decides to confirm the conditions, the decision takes effect when it is made.

(2) If the board decides to change the conditions, the change takes effect when an information notice about the decision is given to the registrant under section 95(4)(b) and does not depend on the certificate of general registration being amended to record the change or a replacement certificate of general registration being issued.

(3) If the board decides to remove the conditions, the removal takes effect when notice of the decision is given to the registrant under section 95(5) and does not depend on the certificate of general registration being amended to record the removal or a replacement certificate of general registration being issued.

## **97 Effect on dental prosthetics registration if conditions on dental technician registration are changed or removed**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a registrant holds general registration as a dental prosthetist; and
- (b) the registrant's general registration as a dental technician is subject to conditions; and

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(c) the conditions are changed or removed under this Act.<sup>26</sup>

(2) The conditions are taken to be—

- (a) for a decision to change the conditions on the registrant's general registration as a dental technician—changed in the same way on the registrant's general registration as a dental prosthetist; and
- (b) for a decision to remove the conditions from the registrant's general registration as a dental technician—removed from the registrant's general registration as a dental prosthetist.

(3) The change to, or removal of, the conditions on the general registration as a dental prosthetist takes effect on the same day (the “**effective day**”) as the day the board's decision to change or remove the conditions on the general registration as a dental technician takes effect.

(4) The information notice given to the registrant about the decision to change or remove the conditions on the registrant's general registration as a dental technician must also include a direction to the registrant to return the certificate of general registration as a dental prosthetist within 14 days after the effective day.

(5) The registrant must return the certificate to the board within 14 days after the effective day, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(6) On receiving the certificate, the board must—

- (a) amend the certificate in an appropriate way and return the amended certificate to the registrant; or
- (b) if the board does not consider it practicable to amend the certificate—issue another certificate of general registration as a dental prosthetist to the registrant to replace the certificate returned to the board.

(7) In this section—

“**conditions**” means conditions other than recency of practice conditions.

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<sup>26</sup> See section 52(3) which provides that if the board decides to register a person as a general registrant in the dental prosthetics profession, the general registration is subject to the conditions, other than any recency of practice conditions, attaching to the person's general registration as a dental technician immediately before the decision takes effect.

## **98 Failure by board to make decision on application**

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the board fails to decide an application under section 90<sup>27</sup> within 60 days after its receipt, the failure is taken to be a decision by the board to remove the conditions.

(2) Subsection (3) applies if the board has—

- (a) under section 92(1)(b),<sup>28</sup> required the applicant to give the board further information or a document; or
- (b) under section 92(1)(c), required the applicant to undergo an examination; or
- (c) under section 92(1)(d), required the applicant to undergo a health assessment.

(3) The board is taken to have decided to remove the conditions if the board fails to decide the application by the latest of the following days—

- (a) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the further information or document;
- (b) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the results of the examination;
- (c) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the assessment report.

(4) The removal of the conditions under subsection (1) or (3) does not depend on the certificate of general registration being amended to record the removal or a replacement certificate of general registration being issued.

## **99 Failure by board to make decision on review agreed to under s 91**

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the board fails to make a decision on a review agreed to under section 91<sup>29</sup> within 60 days after the agreement, the failure is taken to be a decision by the board to remove the conditions.

(2) Subsection (3) applies if the board has—

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27 Section 90 (How registrant may start a review)

28 Section 92 (Board's powers before making decision)

29 Section 91 (Review of conditions during review period)

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- (a) under section 92(1)(b), required the registrant to give the board further information or a document; or
- (b) under section 92(1)(c), required the registrant to undergo an examination; or
- (c) under section 92(1)(d), required the registrant to undergo a health assessment.

(3) The board is taken to have decided to remove the conditions if the board fails to make a decision on the review by the latest of the following days—

- (a) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the further information or document;
- (b) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the results of the examination;
- (c) the day that is 60 days after the board receives the assessment report.

(4) The removal of the conditions under subsection (1) or (3) does not depend on the certificate of general registration being amended to record the removal or a replacement certificate of general registration being issued.

### **100 Further decision required if certain conditions changed**

(1) This section applies if the conditions were imposed because of the registrant's mental and physical health.

(2) If the board decides to change the conditions, it must also decide whether details of the changed conditions must be recorded in the register for the period for which the conditions are in force.

(3) The board must decide not to record details of the changed conditions in the register unless it reasonably believes it is in the interests of users of the registrant's services or the public to know the details.

#### *Subdivision 2—Recording change, or removal, of conditions*

### **101 Amendment of, or replacing, certificates of general registration**

(1) This section applies if—



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- (a) a general registrant receives an information notice, under section 95(4)(b), about decisions relating to a change of the conditions of the registration; or
- (b) a general registrant receives a notice, under section 95(5), about a decision to remove the conditions of the registration; or
- (c) the board is taken, under section 98 or 99, to have decided to remove the conditions of a general registration.

(2) The registrant must return the certificate of general registration to the board—

- (a) if subsection (1)(a) or (b) applies—within 14 days after receiving the notice, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse; or
- (b) if subsection (1)(c) applies—within 14 days after the day the registrant actually becomes aware of the removal.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(3) On receiving the certificate, the board must—

- (a) amend the certificate in an appropriate way and return the amended certificate to the registrant; or
- (b) if the board does not consider it practicable to amend the certificate, issue another certificate of general registration to the registrant to replace the certificate returned to the board.

*Division 8—Special purpose registrations*

*Subdivision 1—Applications for special purpose registration*

**102 Undertaking of special activities relating to the profession**

A person may obtain special purpose registration to undertake 1 or more of the following activities (the “special activities”) relating to a profession—

- (a) study or train at postgraduate level;
- (b) teach;

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- (c) engage in research;
- (d) give clinical demonstrations.

### **103 Application of divs 2 and 3**

(1) For a person being registered as a special purpose registrant, division 2, other than subdivisions 2, 6 and 7 and section 52(3) and (4), and division 3<sup>30</sup> apply as if—

- (a) an application for general registration were an application for special purpose registration; and
- (b) an applicant for general registration were an applicant for special purpose registration; and
- (c) a general registration were a special purpose registration; and
- (d) a general registrant were a special purpose registrant; and
- (e) a certificate of general registration were a certificate of special purpose registration; and
- (f) a provisional general registrant were a provisional special purpose registrant; and
- (g) a provisional general registration were a provisional special purpose registration; and
- (h) a certificate of provisional general registration were a certificate of provisional special purpose registration.

(2) The approved form for a certificate of special purpose registration, or provisional special purpose registration, must also provide for the inclusion of details of the special activity for which the registrant is registered.

### **104 Eligibility**

An applicant for special purpose registration in a profession is eligible for special purpose registration in the profession if the applicant—

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30 Division 2 (Applications for general registration), subdivisions 2 (Eligibility for general registration), 6 (Period of general registration) and 7 (Conditions of general registration) and section 52 (Steps to be taken after application decided) and division 3 (Provisional general registration)

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- (a) has a qualification required for special purpose registration in the profession; and
- (b) is a suitable person to be a special purpose registrant.

### **105 Qualifications for special purpose registration**

(1) An applicant for special purpose registration in a profession has a qualification required for special purpose registration in the profession if the applicant is the holder of a qualification in the profession recognised by the board.

(2) In deciding whether to recognise the qualification, the board may have regard to the following—

- (a) whether the course leading to the qualification has been accredited by an entity responsible for accrediting courses for the profession;
- (b) whether the educational institution conferring or awarding the qualification has been accredited by an entity responsible for accrediting institutions to educate persons for the profession;
- (c) the advice and recommendations of an entity recognised by the board as competent to assess qualifications in the profession.

### **106 Suitability to be a special purpose registrant**

In deciding whether an applicant for special purpose registration in a profession is a suitable person to be a special purpose registrant in the profession, the board may have regard to the following—

- (a) whether the applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence;
- (b) whether the applicant has been convicted of an offence against the repealed Act, this Act, the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999* or a corresponding law;
- (c) if the applicant has been registered under this Act or the repealed Act in the profession or is, or has been, registered under a corresponding law in the profession and the registration was affected—

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- (i) by the imposition of a condition—the nature of the condition and the reason for its imposition; or
  - (ii) by its suspension or cancellation—the reason for its suspension or cancellation; or
  - (iii) in another way—the way it was affected and the reason for it being affected;
- (d) any other issue relevant to the applicant's ability to undertake the special activity the subject of the application.

### **107 Period of special purpose registration**

If the board decides to register the applicant as a special purpose registrant, the registration remains in force for the period, not more than 1 year, decided by the board when deciding to register the applicant as a special purpose registrant.

### **108 Imposition of conditions by board**

(1) The board may decide to register the applicant as a special purpose registrant on conditions the board considers necessary or desirable for the applicant to competently and safely undertake the special activity the subject of the application.

(2) If the board decides to register the applicant as a special purpose registrant on conditions, it must as soon as practicable give the applicant an information notice about the decision.

### **109 Contravention of conditions**

A special purpose registrant must not contravene a condition of the registration imposed under this Act.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

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***Subdivision 2—Renewal of special purpose registrations***

**110 Application of div 4, sdivs 2 and 3**

For renewing a special purpose registration, division 4, subdivisions 2 and 3, other than sections 70(5)(a) and 75(3)<sup>31</sup> and the provisions to the extent to which they relate to recency of practice requirements, apply as if—

- (a) an application for the renewal of a general registration were an application for the renewal of a special purpose registration; and
- (b) an applicant for the renewal of a general registration were an applicant for the renewal of a special purpose registration; and
- (c) an applicant's general registration were an applicant's special purpose registration; and
- (d) a general registrant were a special purpose registrant; and
- (e) a certificate of general registration were a certificate of special purpose registration.

**111 Matters that may be considered in deciding whether to renew special purpose registrations**

In deciding whether to renew a special purpose registration, the board may have regard to the matters to which the board may have regard in deciding whether a proposed special purpose registrant is a suitable person to be a special purpose registrant.<sup>32</sup>

**112 Imposition of conditions by board**

(1) The board may decide to renew a special purpose registration on conditions the board considers necessary or desirable for the registrant to

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31 Division 4 (Renewal of general registrations), subdivisions 2 (Applications for renewal of general registrations) and 3 (Decision on applications), sections 70 (Procedural requirements for applications) and 75 (Steps to be taken after application decided)

32 See section 106 (Suitability to be a special purpose registrant) for a list of the matters.

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competently and safely undertake the special activity the subject of the registration.

(2) If the board decides to renew a special purpose registration on conditions, it must as soon as practicable give the registrant an information notice about the decision.

(3) To remove doubt, it is declared that any conditions attaching to the registration immediately before its renewal do not continue to apply to the registration on its renewal.

### **113 Period of renewed special purpose registration**

If the board decides to renew a special purpose registration, the registration remains in force for the period, not more than 1 year, decided by the board when deciding to renew the registration.

#### *Subdivision 3—Cancellation of special purpose registrations*

### **114 Application of div 6**

For cancelling a special purpose registration, division 6, other than sections 83 and 84(2)(d), applies as if<sup>33</sup>—

- (a) a general registration were a special purpose registration; and
- (b) a certificate of general registration were a certificate of special purpose registration.

### **115 Grounds for cancellation**

Each of the following is a ground for cancelling a special purpose registration—

- (a) the registrant has practised the profession to which the registration relates other than for the special activity for which the registrant is registered;
- (b) the registrant has been convicted of an indictable offence;

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33 Division 6 (Cancellation of general registrations), sections 83 (Ground for cancellation) and 84 (Show cause notice)

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- (c) the registrant has been convicted of an offence against this Act, the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999* or a corresponding law;
- (d) the registrant has contravened a condition of the registration;
- (e) the registrant was registered because of a materially false or misleading representation or declaration.

***Subdivision 4—Removal of conditions***

## **116 Removal**

(1) This section applies if the board reasonably believes the conditions imposed on a special purpose registration under this Act are no longer necessary or desirable for the registrant to competently and safely undertake the special activity the subject of the registration.

(2) The board must decide to remove the conditions.

(3) The board must give the registrant notice of the decision as soon as practicable after it is made.

(4) The registrant must return the certificate of special purpose registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(5) On receiving the certificate, the board must—

- (a) amend the certificate in an appropriate way and return the amended certificate to the registrant; or
- (b) if the board does not consider it practicable to amend the certificate—issue another certificate of special purpose registration to the registrant to replace the certificate returned to the board.

(6) The removal takes effect when notice of the decision is given to the registrant and does not depend on the certificate of special purpose registration being amended to record the removal or a replacement certificate of special purpose registration being issued.

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***Division 9—General provisions about registrations***

**117 Person is taken to be registered under this part**

- (1) This section applies if, under this Act, an entity decides to—
- (a) register a person in a profession; or
  - (b) restore a person’s registration in a profession.
- (2) The person is taken to be registered under this part in the profession.

**118 Surrender of registrations**

(1) A registrant may surrender the registration by notice given to the board.

- (2) The surrender takes effect—
- (a) on the day the notice is given to the board; or
  - (b) if a later day of effect is stated in the notice, on the later day.

(3) The registrant must return the certificate of registration to the board within 14 days after the day the surrender takes effect, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—10 penalty units.

**119 Effect on dental prosthetics registration if registration as dental technician ceases to have effect**

(1) This section applies if a dental prosthetist’s general registration as a dental technician ends under this Act.

(2) The registrant’s general registration or provisional general registration as a dental prosthetist ends on the same day (the “**effective day**”) as the day the general registration as a dental technician ends.

(3) Subsection (2) applies despite section 71.<sup>34</sup>

(4) If the registrant’s general registration as a dental technician is cancelled by the board, the information notice given to the registrant about the decision to cancel the registration must also include a direction to the

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<sup>34</sup> Section 71 (General registration taken to be in force while application is considered)



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registrant to return the certificate of general registration or certificate of provisional general registration as a dental prosthetist within 14 days after the effective day.

(5) The registrant must return the certificate to the board within 14 days after the effective day, unless the registrant has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (5)—10 penalty units.

### **120 Replacement of certificates of registration**

(1) A registrant may apply to the board for the replacement of the certificate of registration if it has been lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged.

(2) The board must consider the application and decide to grant, or refuse to grant, the application.

(3) The board must decide to grant the application if it is satisfied the certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, or damaged in a way to require its replacement.

(4) If the board decides to grant the application, it must on payment of the fee prescribed under a regulation—

- (a) replace the lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged certificate with another certificate of registration; and
- (b) give the replacement certificate of registration to the applicant.

(5) If the board decides to refuse to grant the application, it must as soon as practicable give the applicant an information notice about the decision.

### **121 Certified copy of certificates of registration**

A registrant may, on payment of the fee prescribed under a regulation, obtain from the board a certified copy of the certificate of registration.

### **122 Notification of change in circumstances**

A registrant must, within 21 days after the happening of a change in the registrant's circumstances prescribed under a regulation, advise the board of the change.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

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### **123 Decision about recording certain conditions in register**

(1) This section applies if a person holds general registration as a dental technician and dental prosthetist and—

- (a) conditions (“**health conditions**”) are imposed under this Act on the registrant’s general registration as a dental technician because of the registrant’s mental or physical health; or
- (b) the health conditions (the “**changed health conditions**”) are changed under this Act.

(2) The decision made, under this Act, about recording details of the health conditions or changed health conditions in the register applies in the same way to the same conditions attaching to the registrant’s general registration as a dental prosthetist.

### **124 Notification of certain events to interstate regulatory authorities and other entities**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person’s general registration or special purpose registration is cancelled under this Act; or
- (b) conditions are imposed, under this Act, on a person’s general registration or special purpose registration; or
- (c) conditions on a person’s general registration or special purpose registration are removed under this Act.

(2) As soon as practicable after an event mentioned in subsection (1) happens, the board must give notice about the event to each interstate regulatory authority with which the board is aware the person is registered.

(3) Also, the board may give notice about the event to any of the following—

- (a) the chief executive;
- (b) other State regulatory authorities;
- (c) foreign regulatory authorities;
- (d) professional colleges of which the person is eligible to be a member;

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- (e) professional associations of which the person is eligible to be a member;
- (f) an employer of the person;
- (g) the Health Insurance Commission;
- (h) the Health Rights Commissioner;
- (i) the Minister;
- (j) another entity having a connection with the person's practice as a general or special purpose registrant.

(4) However, the board must not give a notice about the event to an entity under subsection (3) unless the board reasonably believes—

- (a) the entity needs to know about the event; and
- (b) giving the entity notice about the event will assist in achieving the objects of this Act.

(5) A notice under this section may include the information the board considers appropriate in the circumstances.

(6) In this section—

“**impose**”, a condition, does not include confirm the condition.

“**State regulatory authorities**” means boards established under the health practitioner registration Acts.

## **PART 4—OBLIGATIONS OF REGISTRANTS AND OTHER PERSONS**

### *Division 1—Restricted titles and holding out*

#### **125 Taking of restricted titles etc.**

(1) A person who is not a registrant in a profession must not take or use a restricted title for the profession.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

*Examples of an individual taking or using a restricted title—*

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1. AB describes himself or herself as ‘AB, dental technician’.
2. AB describes himself or herself as ‘AB, dental prosthetist’.

*Examples of a corporation taking or using a restricted title—*

1. ABC Pty Ltd describes itself as ‘ABC Pty Ltd, dental technicians’.
2. ABC Pty Ltd describes itself as ‘ABC Pty Ltd, dental prosthetists’.
3. A corporation having a restricted title as part of its name.

**(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply to a person if—

- (a) the person takes or uses a restricted title for a profession as part of a business name for a business providing professional services in the profession; and
- (b) in the carrying on of the business by the person, a registrant in the profession provides professional services in the profession.

**(3)** Also, subsection (1) does not apply to a person if—

- (a) the person is undertaking study or training in the practice of a profession to obtain a qualification for registration in the profession; and
- (b) the person takes or uses a restricted title for the profession, in the course of the study or training, in conjunction with words that indicate the person is a student or trainee in the profession.

**(4)** A person (the “**first person**”) must not, in relation to another person who the first person knows, or ought reasonably to know, is not a registrant in a profession, use a restricted title for the profession.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

**(5)** Subsection (4) does not apply if—

- (a) the other person is undertaking study or training in the practice of a profession to obtain a qualification for registration in the profession; and
- (b) the first person takes or uses a restricted title for the profession in relation to the other person, in the course of the study or training, in conjunction with words that indicate the other person is a student or trainee in the profession.

**(6)** A person who is not a registrant in a profession must not take or use a title (other than a restricted title), name, initial, symbol, word or description

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that, having regard to the circumstances in which it is taken or used, indicates or could be reasonably understood to indicate—

- (a) if the profession is the dental technology profession, the person is a dental technician; or
- (b) if the profession is the dental prosthetics profession, the person is a dental prosthetist; or
- (c) the person is authorised or qualified to practise the profession.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(7) A person (the “**first person**”) must not, in relation to another person who the first person knows, or ought reasonably to know, is not a registrant in a profession, use a title (other than a restricted title), name, initial, symbol, word or description that, having regard to the circumstances in which it is used, indicates or could reasonably be understood to indicate—

- (a) if the profession is the dental technology profession, the other person is a dental technician; or
- (b) if the profession is the dental prosthetics profession, the other person is a dental prosthetist; or
- (c) the other person is authorised or qualified to practise the profession.

Maximum penalty—500 penalty units.

(8) In this section the terms ‘dental technician’ and ‘dental prosthetist’ are not limited by the meanings of the terms in the dictionary in schedule 4.

## **126 Claims by persons as to registration**

A person who is not a registrant in a profession must not—

- (a) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be registered under this Act in the profession; or
- (b) allow himself or herself to be held out as being registered under this Act in the profession; or
- (c) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be eligible to be registered under this Act in the profession.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

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### **127 Claims by persons as to other persons' registration**

A person must not hold out another person as being registered under this Act in a profession if the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, the other person is not registered under this Act in the profession.

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

*Example—*

A person carrying on a business providing dental prosthetic services must not hold out that an employee of the person is a dental prosthetist if the person knows the employee is not a dental prosthetist.

### **128 Restrictions on special purpose registrants, provisional general registrants and provisional special purpose registrants**

(1) A person who is a special purpose registrant or provisional special purpose registrant must not—

- (a) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be a general registrant or provisional general registrant; or
- (b) allow himself or herself to be held out as being a general registrant or provisional general registrant; or
- (c) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be eligible to be a general registrant or provisional general registrant.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(2) A person who is a provisional general registrant must not—

- (a) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be a general registrant; or
- (b) allow himself or herself to be held out as being a general registrant; or
- (c) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be eligible to be a general registrant.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(3) A person who is a provisional special purpose registrant must not—

- (a) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be a special purpose registrant; or
- (b) allow himself or herself to be held out as being a special purpose registrant; or

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- (c) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be eligible to be a special purpose registrant.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

### **129 Restrictions on registrants registered on conditions**

A registrant who is registered on conditions must not—

- (a) claim, or hold himself or herself out, to be registered without the conditions or any conditions; or
- (b) allow himself or herself to be held out as being registered without the conditions or any conditions.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

### ***Division 2—Notification of business names and other details***

### **130 Notification of business names etc.**

(1) A registrant must, before carrying on a business providing professional services under a business name other than the registrant's own name, give the board notice of the business name.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) applies whether or not the business name is registered under the *Business Names Act 1962*.

(3) An individual who is not a registrant must, before carrying on a business providing professional services, give the board notice of—

- (a) the business name of the business (whether or not the name is registered under the *Business Names Act 1962*); and
- (b) the name and address of the individual.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(4) A corporation must, before carrying on a business providing professional services, give the board notice of—

- (a) the business name of the business (whether or not the name is registered under the *Business Names Act 1962*); and
- (b) the name and principal address of the corporation; and

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- (c) the names and addresses of—
  - (i) if the corporation is a corporation under the Corporations Act—the directors of the corporation; or
  - (ii) if the corporation is not a corporation under the Corporations Act—the members of the governing body of the corporation.

Maximum penalty for subsection (4)—50 penalty units.

### **131 Notification of change in business names etc.**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person has given the board a notice under section 130; and
- (b) there is a change in the information contained in the notice.

(2) The person must, within 14 days after the happening of the change, give the board notice of the change.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

(3) The person does not commit an offence against section 130 during the period of 14 days after the happening of the change if the person complies with subsection (2).

## ***Division 3—Advertising***

### **132 Obligations of advertisers**

(1) A person must not advertise a professional service, or a business providing professional services, in a way that—

- (a) is false, misleading or deceptive or is likely to be misleading or deceptive; or

*Example for paragraph (a)—*

An advertisement that contains a false claim about the beneficial outcome of a professional service.

- (b) offers a discount, gift or other inducement to attract a person to use the service or the business, unless the advertisement also states the terms of the offer; or



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- (c) refers to, uses or cites actual or purported endorsements or testimonials about the service or business, or a registrant; or
- (d) is disparaging of—
  - (i) a professional service provided by another person; or
  - (ii) a business providing professional services; or
  - (iii) a registrant.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(2) A person must not advertise a professional service that the person knows or ought reasonably to know will, or is likely to, harm a person to whom it is provided.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(3) A person must not advertise a registrant's expertise in a field of practice of the profession to which the registrant's registration relates unless the registrant has the skills, knowledge, training or qualifications necessary to practise in the field.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(4) A printer or publisher does not commit an offence against subsection (1), (2) or (3) merely by, as part of his or her business, printing or publishing an advertisement for another person.

### **133 Information to appear in advertisements**

(1) A person must not advertise a professional service, or a business providing professional services, unless—

- (a) if a registrant provides the service, or carries on the business, under a business name that is the registrant's own name—the registrant's name is stated in the advertisement; or
- (b) otherwise—the business name notified to the board under section 130(1), (3) or (4) is stated in the advertisement.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) A printer or publisher does not commit an offence against subsection (1) merely by, as part of his or her business, printing or publishing an advertisement for another person.

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***Division 4—Registrants' autonomy***

**134 Aiding and abetting etc. conduct that is a ground for disciplinary action**

(1) A person must not aid, abet, counsel, procure or induce a registrant to engage in conduct that the person is aware, or ought reasonably be aware, is conduct forming the basis for a ground for disciplinary action against a registrant mentioned in the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, section 124(1).<sup>35</sup>

Maximum penalty—1 000 penalty units.

(2) To remove doubt, it is declared that a registrant may be induced by threats or promises.

***Division 5—Court orders and injunctions***

**135 Persons may be prohibited from supplying health services etc.**

(1) This section applies if a person is convicted of an offence against section 125, 126, 127, 132(1)(a), (2) or (3), 134(1) or 138.<sup>36</sup>

(2) The court sentencing the person for the offence may, on its own initiative or the application of the prosecutor, make an order under subsection (3) or (5).

(3) The court may make an order, applying for a period decided by the court—

- (a) prohibiting the person from providing, or carrying on or managing a business providing, a health service; or
- (b) prohibiting the person from having a financial interest in a business providing a health service; or

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35 *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, section 124 (Grounds for disciplinary action)

36 Section 125 (Taking of restricted titles etc.), 126 (Claims by persons as to registration), 127 (Claims by persons as to other persons' registration), 132 (Obligations of advertisers), 134 (Aiding and abetting etc. conduct that is a ground for disciplinary action) or 138 (Offence for taking reprisal)

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- (c) if the person is a corporation, prohibiting an executive officer of the corporation, who was in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence, from managing a corporation that carries on a business providing a health service.

(4) For subsection (3)(c), a person manages a corporation if the person is a director, or is in any way concerned in or takes part in the management of, the corporation.

(5) Also, the court may make an order, applying for a period decided by the court—

- (a) prohibiting the person from entering into commercial arrangements with a person who provides, carries on or manages a business providing, a health service; or
- (b) if the person is a corporation, prohibiting an executive officer of the corporation, who was in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence, from entering into commercial arrangements with a person who provides, carries on or manages a business providing, a health service.

(6) An order under subsection (3) or (5) may apply generally or be limited in its application by reference to specified conditions, exceptions or factors.

(7) A reference in subsection (5) to a person entering into commercial arrangements includes the entering into commercial arrangements on behalf of another person.

(8) A person must not contravene an order under subsection (3) or (5).

Maximum penalty for subsection (8)—1 000 penalty units.

### **136 Injunctions**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a person (the “**offending party**”)—
- (i) has engaged, is engaging or is proposing to engage in conduct; or
- (ii) has failed, is failing or is proposing to fail to do anything; and

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- (b) the conduct or failure constituted, constitutes or would constitute a contravention of section 125, 126, 127, 132(1)(a), (2) or (3) or 134(1).

(2) Application may be made to the court under this section for an injunction in relation to the conduct or failure.

(3) The application may be made by the board or a person authorised in writing by the board.

(4) The court may grant an interim injunction under this section until the application is finally decided.

(5) On considering the application for the injunction, the court may—

- (a) in a case to which subsection (1)(a)(i) applies—grant an injunction restraining the offending party from engaging in the conduct concerned and, if in the court's opinion it is desirable to do so, requiring the offending party to do anything; or
- (b) in a case to which subsection (1)(a)(ii) applies—grant an injunction requiring the offending party to do the thing concerned.

(6) The court may grant the injunction—

- (a) if the court is satisfied that the offending party has engaged in the conduct, or failed to do the thing, mentioned in subsection (1), whether or not it appears to the court that the offending party intends—
- (i) to engage again, or continue to engage, in the conduct; or
- (ii) to again fail, or continue to fail, to do the thing; or
- (b) if it appears to the court that, if the injunction is not granted, it is likely that the offending party will engage in the conduct, or fail to do the thing, mentioned in subsection (1), whether or not the offending party has previously engaged in the conduct or failed to do the thing.

(7) The court may grant the injunction on the terms the court considers appropriate.

(8) Also, the court may grant an injunction requiring the offending party to take stated action (including action to disclose information or publish advertisements) to remedy any adverse effects of the offending party's conduct or failure.

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(9) The court may discharge an injunction granted under this section at any time.

(10) The powers conferred on the court by this section are in addition to, and do not limit, any other powers of the court.

(11) In this section—

“**court**” means—

- (a) if proceedings for an offence relating to the conduct or failure are pending in a Magistrates Court—the Magistrates Court; or
- (b) in any case—the District Court.

***Division 6—Reprisals***

**137 Reprisal and grounds for reprisals**

(1) A person must not cause, or attempt or conspire to cause, detriment to another person because, or in the belief that—

- (a) anybody has given, or may give, information or assistance to the board or an inspector about a person’s alleged contravention of division 1 or section 132(1)(a), (2) or (3) or 134(1);<sup>37</sup> or
- (b) anybody has given, or may give, evidence to the court in proceedings for an offence against division 1 or section 132(1)(a), (2) or (3) or 134(1).

(2) An attempt to cause detriment includes an attempt to induce a person to cause detriment.

(3) A contravention of subsection (1) is a reprisal or the taking of a reprisal.

(4) A ground mentioned in subsection (1) as the ground for a reprisal is the unlawful ground for the reprisal.

(5) For the contravention mentioned in subsection (3) to happen, it is sufficient if the unlawful ground is a substantial ground for the act or

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37 Division 1 (Restricted titles and holding out) or section 132 (Obligations of advertisers) or 134 (Aiding and abetting etc. conduct that is a ground for disciplinary action)

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omission that is the reprisal, even if there is another ground for the act or omission.

### **138 Offence for taking reprisal**

A person who takes a reprisal commits an offence.

Maximum penalty—167 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment.

### **139 Damages entitlement for reprisal**

(1) A reprisal is a tort and a person who takes a reprisal is liable in damages to any person who suffers detriment as a result.

(2) Any appropriate remedy that may be granted by a court for a tort may be granted by a court for the taking of a reprisal.

(3) If the claim for damages goes to trial in the Supreme Court or the District Court, it must be decided by a judge sitting without a jury.

## *Division 7—Other provisions*

### **140 Payment, or acceptance of payment, for referrals prohibited**

(1) This section applies to a registrant, or a person carrying on a business providing professional services, (the “**service provider**”).

(2) The service provider must not, directly or indirectly, pay an amount or give another benefit, or attempt to pay an amount or give another benefit, to a person in return for the person referring another person to the service provider or service provider’s business.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(3) The service provider must not, directly or indirectly, accept payment or another benefit for referring a user of the professional services provided by the service provider, or service provider’s business, to a person providing, or carrying on a business providing, a health service.

Maximum penalty for subsection (3)—200 penalty units.

## **PART 5—INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### *Division 1—Inspectors*

#### **141 Functions of inspectors**

An inspector has the function of conducting investigations and inspections to enforce compliance with this Act.

#### **142 Powers of inspectors**

For this Act, an inspector has the powers given to the person under this Act.

#### **143 Limitation on powers of inspectors**

The powers of an inspector may be limited under a condition of appointment.

### *Division 2—Appointment of inspectors and other matters*

#### **144 Appointments**

The board may appoint the following persons as an inspector—

- (a) a member;
- (b) the executive officer;
- (c) if the executive officer has agreed to the appointment, a member of the office's staff the board considers has the necessary expertise or experience to be an inspector;
- (d) another person the board considers has the necessary expertise or experience to be an inspector.

#### **145 Appointment conditions**

(1) An inspector holds office on the conditions stated in the instrument of appointment.

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(2) An inspector ceases holding office—

- (a) if the appointment provides for a term of appointment—at the end of the term; or
- (b) if the conditions of appointment provide—on ceasing to hold another office (the “**main office**”) stated in the appointment conditions.

(3) An inspector may resign by signed notice of resignation given to the board.

(4) However, an inspector may not resign from the office of inspector (the “**secondary office**”) if a condition of the inspector’s employment to the main office requires the inspector to hold the secondary office.

### **146 Identity cards**

(1) The board must give an identity card to each inspector.

(2) The identity card must—

- (a) contain a recent photograph of the inspector; and
- (b) be signed by the inspector; and
- (c) identify the person as an inspector for this Act; and
- (d) include an expiry date for the card.

(3) This section does not prevent the issue of a single identity card to a person for this Act and other Acts.

### **147 Failure to return identity card**

A person who ceases to be an inspector must return the person’s identity card to the chairperson within 7 days after the person ceases to be an inspector, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—10 penalty units.

### **148 Production or display of inspector’s identity card**

(1) An inspector may exercise a power in relation to someone else (the “**other person**”) only if the inspector—



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- (a) first produces the inspector's identity card for the other person's inspection; or
- (b) has the identity card displayed so it is clearly visible to the other person.

(2) However, if for any reason it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1) before exercising the power, the inspector must produce the identity card for the other person's inspection at the first reasonable opportunity.

*Division 3—Powers of inspectors*

*Subdivision 1—Entry of places*

**149 Power to enter places**

- (1) An inspector may enter a place if—
- (a) its occupier consents to the entry; or
  - (b) it is a public place and the entry is made when the place is open to the public; or
  - (c) the entry is authorised by a warrant.
- (2) For the purpose of asking the occupier of a place for consent to enter, an inspector may, without the occupier's consent or a warrant—
- (a) enter land around premises at the place to an extent that is reasonable to contact the occupier; or
  - (b) enter part of the place the inspector reasonably considers members of the public ordinarily are allowed to enter when they wish to contact the occupier.

***Subdivision 2—Procedure for entry***

**150 Entry with consent**

(1) This section applies if an inspector intends to ask an occupier of a place to consent to the inspector or another inspector entering the place under section 149(1)(a).

(2) Before asking for the consent, the inspector must tell the occupier—

- (a) the purpose of the entry; and
- (b) that the occupier is not required to consent.

(3) If the consent is given, the inspector may ask the occupier to sign an acknowledgment of the consent.

(4) The acknowledgment must state—

- (a) the occupier has been told—
  - (i) the purpose of the entry; and
  - (ii) that the occupier is not required to consent; and
- (b) the purpose of the entry; and
- (c) the occupier gives the inspector consent to enter the place and exercise powers under this part; and
- (d) the time and date the consent was given.

(5) If the occupier signs the acknowledgment, the inspector must immediately give a copy to the occupier.

(6) A court must find the occupier of a place did not consent to an inspector entering the place under this part if—

- (a) an issue arises in a proceeding before the court whether the occupier of the place consented to the entry under section 149(1)(a); and
- (b) an acknowledgment mentioned in subsection (4) is not produced in evidence for the entry; and
- (c) it is not proved by the person relying on the lawfulness of the entry that the occupier consented to the entry.

### **151 Application for warrant**

(1) An inspector may apply to a magistrate for a warrant for a place.

(2) The application must be sworn and state the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(3) The magistrate may refuse to consider the application until the inspector gives the magistrate all the information the magistrate requires about the application in the way the magistrate requires.

*Example—*

The magistrate may require additional information supporting the application to be given by statutory declaration.

### **152 Issue of warrant**

(1) The magistrate may issue a warrant only if the magistrate is satisfied there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—

- (a) there is a particular thing or activity (the “**evidence**”) that may provide evidence of an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the evidence is at the place, or may be at the place within the next 7 days.

(2) The warrant must state—

- (a) that a stated inspector may, with necessary and reasonable help and force—
  - (i) enter the place and any other place necessary for entry; and
  - (ii) exercise the inspector’s powers under this part; and
- (b) the offence for which the warrant is sought; and
- (c) the evidence that may be seized under the warrant; and
- (d) the hours of the day or night when the place may be entered; and
- (e) the date, within 14 days after the warrant’s issue, the warrant ends.

### **153 Special warrants**

(1) An inspector may apply for a warrant (a **“special warrant”**) by phone, fax, radio or another form of communication if the inspector considers it necessary because of—

- (a) urgent circumstances; or
- (b) other special circumstances, including, for example, the inspector’s remote location.

(2) Before applying for the special warrant, the inspector must prepare an application stating the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(3) The inspector may apply for the special warrant before the application is sworn.

(4) After issuing the special warrant, the magistrate must immediately fax a copy (the **“facsimile warrant”**) to the inspector if it is reasonably practicable to fax the copy.

(5) If it is not reasonably practicable to fax a copy to the inspector—

- (a) the magistrate must tell the inspector—
  - (i) what the terms of the special warrant are; and
  - (ii) the date and time the special warrant was issued; and
- (b) the inspector must complete a form of warrant (a **“warrant form”**) and write on it—
  - (i) the magistrate’s name; and
  - (ii) the date and time the magistrate issued the special warrant; and
  - (iii) the terms of the special warrant.

(6) The facsimile warrant, or the warrant form properly completed by the inspector, authorises the entry and the exercise of the other powers stated in the special warrant issued.

(7) The inspector must, at the first reasonable opportunity, send to the magistrate—

- (a) the sworn application; and
- (b) if the inspector completed a warrant form, the completed warrant form.

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(8) On receiving the documents, the magistrate must attach them to the special warrant.

(9) A court must find the exercise of the power by an inspector was not authorised by a special warrant if—

- (a) an issue arises in a proceeding before the court whether the exercise of the power was authorised by a special warrant mentioned in subsection (1); and
- (b) the special warrant is not produced in evidence; and
- (c) it is not proved by the person relying on the lawfulness of the entry that the inspector obtained the special warrant.

#### **154 Warrants—procedure before entry**

(1) This section applies if an inspector named in a warrant issued under this part for a place is intending to enter the place under the warrant.

(2) Before entering the place, the inspector must do or make a reasonable attempt to do the following things—

- (a) identify himself or herself to a person present at the place who is an occupier of the place by producing a copy of the inspector's identity card or other document evidencing the inspector's appointment;
- (b) give the person a copy of the warrant or, if the entry is authorised by a facsimile warrant or warrant form mentioned in section 153(6), a copy of the facsimile warrant or warrant form;
- (c) tell the person the inspector is permitted by the warrant to enter the place;
- (d) give the person an opportunity to allow the inspector immediate entry to the place without using force.

(3) However, the inspector need not comply with subsection (2) if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that immediate entry to the place is required to ensure the effective execution of the warrant is not frustrated.

### ***Subdivision 3—Powers after entry***

#### **155 General powers after entering places**

(1) This section applies to an inspector who enters a place.

(2) However, if an inspector enters a place to get the occupier's consent to enter premises, this section applies to the inspector only if the consent is given or the entry is otherwise authorised.

(3) For enforcing compliance with this Act, the inspector may—

- (a) search any part of the place; or
- (b) inspect, measure, test, photograph or film any part of the place or anything at the place; or
- (c) take a thing, or a sample of or from a thing, for analysis or testing; or
- (d) take an extract from, or copy, a document at the place; or
- (e) take into or onto the place any person, equipment and materials the inspector reasonably requires for exercising a power under this part; or
- (f) require the occupier of the place, or a person at the place, to give the inspector reasonable help to exercise the inspector's powers under paragraphs (a) to (e); or
- (g) require the occupier of the place, or a person at the place, to give the inspector information to help the inspector ascertain whether this Act is being complied with.

(4) When making a requirement mentioned in subsection (3)(f) or (g), the inspector must warn the person it is an offence to fail to comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

#### **156 Failure to help inspector**

(1) A person required to give reasonable help under section 155(3)(f) must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

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(2) If an individual is required under section 155(3)(f) to give information, or produce a document, it is a reasonable excuse for the individual not to comply with the requirement that complying with the requirement might tend to incriminate the individual.

### **157 Failure to give information**

(1) A person of whom a requirement is made under section 155(3)(g) must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) It is a reasonable excuse for an individual not to comply with the requirement that complying with the requirement might tend to incriminate the individual.

### *Subdivision 4—Power to seize evidence*

### **158 Seizing evidence at a place that may be entered without consent or warrant**

An inspector who enters a place that may be entered under this division without the consent of the occupier and without a warrant, may seize a thing at the place if the inspector reasonably believes the thing is evidence of an offence against this Act.

### **159 Seizing evidence at a place that may only be entered with consent or warrant**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) an inspector is authorised to enter a place under this division only with the consent of the occupier of the place or a warrant; and
- (b) the inspector enters the place after obtaining the necessary consent or warrant.

(2) If the inspector enters the place with the occupier's consent, the inspector may seize a thing at the place if—

- (a) the inspector reasonably believes the thing is evidence of an offence against this Act; and

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(b) seizure of the thing is consistent with the purpose of entry as told to the occupier when asking for the occupier's consent.

(3) If the inspector enters the place with a warrant, the inspector may seize the evidence for which the warrant was issued.

(4) The inspector also may seize anything else at the place if the inspector reasonably believes—

(a) the thing is evidence of an offence against this Act; and

(b) the seizure is necessary to prevent the thing being—

(i) hidden, lost or destroyed; or

(ii) used to continue, or repeat, the offence.

(5) Also, the inspector may seize a thing at the place if the inspector reasonably believes it has just been used in committing an offence against this Act.

### **160 Securing seized things**

Having seized a thing, an inspector may—

(a) move the thing from the place where it was seized (the “**place of seizure**”); or

(b) leave the thing at the place of seizure but take reasonable action to restrict access to it.

*Examples of restricting access to a thing—*

1. Sealing a thing and marking it to show access to it is restricted.

2. Sealing the entrance to a room where the seized thing is situated and marking the entrance to show access to the room is restricted.

### **161 Tampering with seized things**

If an inspector restricts access to a seized thing, a person must not tamper, or attempt to tamper, with the thing, or something restricting access to the thing, without an inspector's approval.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.



## **162 Powers to support seizure**

(1) To enable a thing to be seized, an inspector may require the person in control of it—

- (a) to take it to a stated reasonable place by a stated reasonable time; and
- (b) if necessary, to remain in control of it at the stated place for a reasonable time.

(2) The requirement—

- (a) must be made by notice in the approved form; or
- (b) if for any reason it is not practicable to give the notice, may be made orally and confirmed by notice in the approved form as soon as practicable.

(3) A further requirement may be made under this section about the same thing if it is necessary and reasonable to make the further requirement.

(4) A person of whom a requirement is made under subsection (1) or (3) must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (4)—50 penalty units.

## **163 Receipts for seized things**

(1) As soon as practicable after an inspector seizes a thing, the inspector must give a receipt for it to the person from whom it was seized.

(2) However, if for any reason it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1), the inspector must leave the receipt at the place of seizure in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way.

(3) The receipt must describe generally each thing seized and its condition.

(4) This section does not apply to a thing if it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to give the receipt, given the thing's nature, condition and value.

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### **164 Forfeiture of seized things**

(1) A seized thing is forfeited to the State if the inspector who seized the thing—

- (a) can not find its owner, after making reasonable inquiries; or
- (b) can not return it to its owner, after making reasonable efforts; or
- (c) reasonably believes it is necessary to retain the thing to prevent it being used to commit an offence against this Act.

(2) In applying subsection (1)—

- (a) subsection (1)(a) does not require the inspector to make inquiries if it would be unreasonable to make inquiries to find the owner; and
- (b) subsection (1)(b) does not require the inspector to make efforts if it would be unreasonable to make efforts to return the thing to its owner.

(3) If the inspector makes a decision under subsection (1)(c), resulting in the seized thing being forfeited to the State, the inspector must immediately give the owner an information notice for the decision.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply if—

- (a) the inspector can not find the owner, after making reasonable inquiries; or
- (b) it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to give the information notice.

(5) Regard must be had to a thing's nature, condition and value—

- (a) in deciding—
  - (i) whether it is reasonable to make inquiries or efforts; and
  - (ii) if making inquiries or efforts, what inquiries or efforts, including the period over which they are made, are reasonable; or
- (b) in deciding whether it would be unreasonable to give the information notice.

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### **165 Forfeiture on conviction**

(1) On the conviction of a person for an offence against this Act, the court may order the forfeiture to the State of—

- (a) anything used to commit the offence; or
- (b) anything else the subject of the offence.

(2) The court may make the order—

- (a) whether or not the thing has been seized; and
- (b) if the thing has been seized, whether or not the thing has been returned to its owner.

(3) The court may make any order to enforce the forfeiture it considers appropriate.

(4) This section does not limit the court's powers under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992* or another law.

### **166 Dealing with forfeited things etc.**

(1) On the forfeiture of a thing to the State, the thing becomes the State's property and may be dealt with by the executive officer as the executive officer considers appropriate.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the executive officer may destroy or dispose of the thing.

(3) Despite subsection (1), the executive officer must not deal with the thing in a way that could prejudice the outcome of—

- (a) an appeal started under section 181(3); or
- (b) another appeal, relevant to the thing, of which the executive officer is aware.

### **167 Return of seized things**

(1) If a seized thing has not been forfeited, the inspector must return it to its owner—

- (a) at the end of 6 months; or

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- (b) if a proceeding for an offence involving the thing is started within 6 months, at the end of the proceeding and any appeal from the proceeding.

(2) Despite subsection (1), unless the thing has been forfeited, the inspector must immediately return a thing seized as evidence to its owner if the inspector stops being satisfied its continued retention as evidence is necessary.

### **168 Access to seized things**

(1) Until a seized thing is forfeited or returned, an inspector must allow its owner to inspect it and, if it is a document, to copy it.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to allow the inspection or copying.

### *Subdivision 5—Power to obtain information*

### **169 Power to require name and address**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) an inspector finds a person committing an offence against this Act; or
- (b) an inspector finds a person in circumstances that lead, or has information that leads, the inspector to reasonably suspect the person has just committed an offence against this Act.

(2) The inspector may require the person to state the person's name and residential address.

(3) When making the requirement, the inspector must warn the person it is an offence to fail to state the person's name or residential address, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

(4) The inspector may require the person to give evidence of the correctness of the stated name or residential address if the inspector reasonably suspects the stated name or address is false.

(5) A requirement under subsection (2) or (4) is called a “**personal details requirement**”.

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### **170 Failure to give name or address**

(1) A person of whom a personal details requirement is made must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) A person does not commit an offence against subsection (1) if—

- (a) the person was required to state the person's name and residential address by an inspector who suspected the person had committed an offence against this Act; and
- (b) the person is not proved to have committed the offence.

### **171 Power to require production of documents**

(1) An inspector may require a person to make available for inspection by an inspector, or produce to the inspector for inspection, at a reasonable time and place nominated by the inspector a document issued to the person under this Act.

(2) The inspector may keep the document to copy it.

(3) The inspector must return the document to the person as soon as practicable after copying it.

(4) While the document is in the inspector's possession, the inspector must allow it to be inspected or copied, at a reasonable time, by a person who would be entitled to inspect or copy it were it not in the inspector's possession.

(5) A requirement under subsection (1) is called a “**document production requirement**”.

### **172 Failure to produce document**

(1) A person of whom a document production requirement is made must comply with the requirement, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) It is not a reasonable excuse for an individual not to comply with a document production requirement if complying with the requirement might tend to incriminate the individual.

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### **173 Power to require information**

(1) This section applies if an inspector reasonably believes—

- (a) an offence against this Act has been committed; and
- (b) a person may be able to give information about the offence.

(2) The inspector may, by notice given to the person, require the person to give information, including a document, about the offence to the inspector at a stated reasonable time and place.

(3) The person must comply with a requirement under subsection (2), unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) For this section, it is a reasonable excuse for an individual to fail to give information that giving the information might tend to incriminate the individual.

### *Division 4—General enforcement matters*

### **174 Notice of damage**

(1) This section applies if—

- (a) an inspector damages property when exercising or purporting to exercise a power; or
- (b) a person (the “**other person**”) acting under the direction of an inspector damages property.

(2) The inspector must immediately give notice of particulars of the damage to the person who appears to the inspector to be the owner of the property.

(3) If the inspector believes the damage was caused by a latent defect in the property or circumstances beyond the inspector’s or other person’s control, the inspector may state the belief in the notice.

(4) If, for any reason, it is impracticable to comply with subsection (2), the inspector must leave the notice in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way where the damage happened.

(5) This section does not apply to damage the inspector reasonably believes is trivial.

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(6) In this section—

“owner”, of property, includes the person in possession or control of it.

### **175 Compensation**

(1) A person may claim from the board the cost of repairing or replacing property damaged because of the exercise or purported exercise of a power under any of the following subdivisions of division 3<sup>38</sup>—

- subdivision 1 (Entry of places)
- subdivision 3 (Powers after entry)
- subdivision 4 (Power to seize evidence).

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), compensation may be claimed for loss or expense incurred in complying with a requirement made of the person under the subdivision.

(3) Compensation may be claimed and ordered to be paid in a proceeding—

- (a) brought in a court with jurisdiction for the recovery of the amount of compensation claimed; or
- (b) for an offence against this Act brought against the person claiming compensation.

(4) A court may order compensation to be paid only if it is satisfied it is just to make the order in the circumstances of the particular case.

### **176 False or misleading information**

A person must not give information to an inspector the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

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38 Division 3 (Powers of inspectors)

### **177 False or misleading documents**

(1) A person must not give an inspector a document containing information the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person if the person, when giving the document—

- (a) tells the inspector, to the best of the person's ability, how it is false or misleading; and
- (b) if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information, gives the correct information.

### **178 Obstructing inspectors**

(1) A person must not obstruct an inspector in the exercise of a power, unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(2) If a person has obstructed an inspector and the inspector decides to proceed with the exercise of the power, the inspector must warn the person that—

- (a) it is an offence to obstruct the inspector, unless the person has a reasonable excuse; and
- (b) the inspector considers the person's conduct is an obstruction.

(3) In this section—

**“obstruct”** includes hinder and attempt to obstruct or hinder.

### **179 Impersonation of inspectors**

A person must not pretend to be an inspector.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.



## PART 6—APPEALS

### 180 Who may appeal

(1) A person (the “**appellant**”) who is given, or is entitled to be given, an information notice for a decision (the “**original decision**”) may appeal against the decision to the District Court.<sup>39</sup>

(2) To help users of this Act, schedule 1 identifies the decisions for which an information notice must be given under this Act.

### 181 Starting appeals

(1) The appeal may be started at—

- (a) the District Court at the place where the person resides or carries on business; or
- (b) the District Court at Brisbane.

(2) Subsection (1) does not limit the District Court at which the appeal may be started under the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999*.

(3) The notice of appeal under the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* must be filed with the registrar of the court within 28 days after—

- (a) if the appellant is given an information notice for the original decision—the day the appellant is given the notice; or
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply—the day the person otherwise becomes aware of the original decision.

(4) The court may, at any time, extend the period for filing the notice of appeal.

### 182 Hearing procedures

(1) In deciding the appeal, the court—

- (a) has the same powers as the person who made the original decision; and

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<sup>39</sup> The *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* contains provisions about appeals to the District Court.

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- (b) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and
- (c) must comply with natural justice.

(2) The appeal is by way of rehearing, unaffected by the original decision, on the material before the person who made the original decision and any further evidence allowed by the court.

### **183 Powers of court on appeal**

(1) In deciding the appeal, the court may—

- (a) confirm the original decision; or
- (b) amend the original decision; or
- (c) substitute another decision for the original decision; or
- (d) set aside the original decision and return the issue to the board with the directions the court considers appropriate.

(2) In substituting another decision for the original decision, the court has the same powers as the person who made the original decision.

*Example—*

The court may decide that an unsuccessful applicant for general registration be registered either unconditionally or on particular conditions.

(3) If the court amends the original decision or substitutes another decision for the original decision, the amended or substituted decision is, for this Act (other than this part) taken to be the decision of the person who made the original decision.

(4) If the court decides to impose conditions on a registration, the court must—

- (a) state the reasons for the decision; and
- (b) if the registration is a general registration, decide and state the review period applying to the conditions.<sup>40</sup>

(5) If the court decides to impose conditions on a registration because of the registrant's mental and physical health, it must also decide whether details of the conditions must be recorded in the register for the period for which the conditions are in force.

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<sup>40</sup> The conditions may be reviewed under part 3 (Registration), division 7 (Reviewing conditions of general registrations).

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(6) The court must decide not to record details of the conditions mentioned in subsection (5) in the register unless it reasonably believes it is in the interests of users of the registrant's services or the public to know the details.

### **184 Appointment of assessors**

(1) If the court is of the opinion that the appeal involves a question of special knowledge and skill, the court may appoint 1 or more assessors who in the court's opinion possess the special qualifications necessary for the particular case to assist the court in its deciding the appeal.

(2) An assessor may advise the court on any matter, but all questions of law and fact are to be decided by the court.

(3) The court may give the weight to the advice that it considers appropriate.

## **PART 7—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

### *Division 1—Evidence*

### **185 Application of division**

This division applies to a proceeding under this Act.

### **186 Appointments and authority**

It is not necessary to prove—

- (a) an inspector's, or member's, appointment; or
- (b) the executive officer's appointment; or
- (c) the authority of an inspector, a member, the executive officer or a member of the office's staff to do anything under this Act.

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### **187 Signatures**

A signature purporting to be the signature of the Minister, the chairperson, a member, an inspector, the executive officer or a member of the office's staff is evidence of the signature it purports to be.

### **188 Evidentiary provisions**

A certificate purporting to be signed by the executive officer and stating any of the following matters is evidence of the matter—

- (a) a stated document is one of the following things made, given, issued or kept under this Act—
  - (i) an appointment, approval or decision;
  - (ii) a notice, direction or requirement;
  - (iii) a certificate of registration;
  - (iv) a record, or an extract from a record;
  - (v) the register, or an extract from the register;
- (b) a stated document is another document kept under this Act;
- (c) a stated document is a copy of a thing mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b);
- (d) on a stated day, or during a stated period, a stated person was or was not a registrant;
- (e) on a stated day, or during a stated period, a registration—
  - (i) was or was not in force; or
  - (ii) was or was not subject to a stated condition;
- (f) on a stated day, a registration was cancelled;
- (g) on a stated day, or during a stated period, an appointment as an inspector was, or was not, in force for a stated person;
- (h) on a stated day, a stated person was given a stated notice or direction under this Act;
- (i) on a stated day, a stated requirement was made of a stated person.

### ***Division 2—Proceedings***

#### **189 Indictable and summary offences**

- (1) An offence against section 138<sup>41</sup> is an indictable offence.
- (2) Any other offence against this Act is a summary offence.

#### **190 Proceedings for indictable offences**

(1) A proceeding for an indictable offence against this Act may be taken, at the election of the prosecution—

- (a) by way of summary proceeding under the *Justices Act 1886*; or
- (b) on indictment.

(2) A magistrate must not hear an indictable offence summarily if—

- (a) the defendant asks at the start of the hearing that the charge be prosecuted on indictment; or
- (b) the magistrate considers the charge should be prosecuted on indictment.

(3) If subsection (2) applies—

- (a) the magistrate must proceed by way of an examination of witnesses for an indictable offence; and
- (b) a plea of the person charged at the start of the proceeding must be disregarded; and
- (c) evidence brought in the proceeding before the magistrate decided to act under subsection (2) is taken to be evidence in the proceeding for the committal of the person for trial or sentence; and
- (d) before committing the person for trial or sentence, the magistrate must make a statement to the person as required by the *Justices Act 1886*, section 104(2)(b).<sup>42</sup>

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41 Section 138 (Offence for taking reprisal)

42 *Justices Act 1886*, section 104 (Proceedings upon an examination of witnesses in relation to an indictable offence)

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### **191 Limitation on who may summarily hear indictable offence**

(1) The proceeding must be before a magistrate if it is a proceeding—

- (a) for the summary conviction of a person on a charge for an indictable offence; or
- (b) for an examination of witnesses for a charge for an indictable offence.

(2) However, if the proceeding is brought before a justice who is not a magistrate, jurisdiction is limited to taking or making a procedural action or order within the meaning of the *Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991*.

### **192 Limitation on time for starting summary proceedings**

A proceeding for a summary offence against this Act by way of summary proceeding under the *Justices Act 1886* must start—

- (a) within 1 year after the commission of the offence; or
- (b) within 6 months after the offence comes to the complainant's knowledge, but within 2 years after the commission of the offence.

### **193 Allegations of false or misleading information or documents**

In any proceeding for an offence against this Act defined as involving false or misleading information, or a false or misleading document, it is enough for a charge to state that the information or document was, without specifying which, 'false or misleading'.

### **194 Penalties to be paid to board**

All penalties recovered as a result of proceedings for offences against this Act brought by the board must be ordered to be paid to the board.

### **195 Responsibility for acts or omissions of representatives**

(1) This section applies in a proceeding for an offence against this Act.

(2) If it is relevant to prove a person's state of mind about a particular act or omission, it is enough to show—

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- (a) the act was done or omitted to be done by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority; and
- (b) the representative had the state of mind.

(3) An act done or omitted to be done for a person by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority is taken to have been done or omitted to be done also by the person, unless the person proves the person could not, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, have prevented the act or omission.

(4) In this section—

**“representative”** means—

- (a) for a corporation—an executive officer, employee or agent of the corporation; or
- (b) for an individual—an employee or agent of the individual.

**“state of mind”** of a person includes—

- (a) the person's knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and
- (b) the person's reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.

### **196 Executive officers must ensure corporation complies with Act**

(1) The executive officers of a corporation must ensure the corporation complies with this Act.

(2) If a corporation commits an offence against a provision of this Act, each of the corporation's executive officers also commits an offence, namely, the offence of failing to ensure the corporation complies with the provision.

Maximum penalty—the penalty for the contravention of the provision by an individual.

(3) Evidence that the corporation has been convicted of an offence against a provision of this Act is evidence that each of the executive officers committed the offence of failing to ensure the corporation complies with the provision.

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- (4) However, it is a defence for an executive officer to prove—
- (a) if the officer was in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence, the officer exercised reasonable diligence to ensure the corporation complied with the provision; or
  - (b) the officer was not in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the offence.

## **PART 8—REGISTER, RECORDS AND INFORMATION**

### *Division 1—Register*

#### **197 Register to be kept**

- (1) The board must keep a register about registrants.
- (2) The register may be kept in the way the board considers appropriate, including, for example, in an electronic form.
- (3) The register must contain the following details for each registrant—
  - (a) the registrant's name;
  - (b) an address of the registrant notified by the registrant to the board;
  - (c) the profession in which the registrant is registered;
  - (d) whether the registrant is a general registrant, provisional general registrant, special purpose registrant or provisional special purpose registrant;
  - (e) the qualification relied on by the registrant to obtain registration;
  - (f) if the registrant is a special purpose registrant or provisional special purpose registrant, details of the special activity for which the registrant is registered;
  - (g) if conditions are imposed, under this Act, on the registrant's registration—
    - (i) for conditions imposed because of the registrant's mental and physical health, the details of which it has been decided



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under this Act not to record in the register—the fact that conditions have been imposed; or

- (ii) otherwise—details of the conditions;
- (h) any other information required to be recorded in the register under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*;
- (i) other details prescribed under a regulation.

(4) For subsection (3)(g), the fact or details must be recorded in the register for the period the conditions are in force.

### **198 Inspection of register**

(1) The board must—

- (a) keep the register open for inspection, free of charge, at the office by members of the public during ordinary office hours; and
- (b) give a person a copy of the register, or a part of it, on payment of the fee prescribed under a regulation.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to details of the residential address of a registrant, unless the registrant gives notice to the board that he or she agrees to the details being able to be inspected.

### *Division 2—Records to be kept*

### **199 Records**

(1) The board must keep records of the following details about each registrant or former registrant—

- (a) if the registration was affected under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, details of the way it was affected and the reason for it being affected;
- (b) if the registration was cancelled under this Act, the fact of, and the reason for, the cancellation;
- (c) if conditions were, under this Act, imposed on the registration, details of the conditions and the reasons for their imposition;

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- (d) other details prescribed under a regulation.
- (2) The records must be kept for at least 10 years.

***Division 3—Information***

**200 Confidentiality of information**

(1) This section applies to a person (the “**relevant person**”) who is or was—

- (a) a member; or
- (b) a member of a committee; or
- (c) appointed by the board to conduct a health assessment of another person; or
- (d) an inspector; or
- (e) the executive officer or a member of the office’s staff; or
- (f) otherwise involved in the administration of this Act.

(2) This section applies to information about a person obtained by the relevant person in the course of performing the relevant person’s functions under this Act.

(3) The relevant person must not disclose the information to anyone else.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

(4) However, the relevant person may disclose the information to someone else—

- (a) to the extent necessary to perform the relevant person’s functions under or relating to this Act or the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*; or
- (b) if the disclosure is authorised under this or another Act; or
- (c) if the disclosure is otherwise required or permitted by law; or
- (d) if the person to whom the information relates agrees to the disclosure; or
- (e) if the disclosure is in a form that does not disclose the identity of a person; or

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- (f) if the information is, or has been, accessible to the public, including, for example, because it is or was recorded in the register; or
- (g) if the disclosure is to a foreign regulatory authority and the disclosure is necessary for the authority to perform its functions; or
- (h) if the disclosure is to the Minister to allow the Minister to act under paragraph (i); or
- (i) if the Minister considers the disclosure is in the public interest and authorises the relevant person to disclose the information.

(5) If the Minister authorises information to be disclosed under subsection (4)(i) about a matter concerning a registrant, the Minister must inform the board of the authorisation and its purpose.

(6) In this section—

“**information**”, about a person, means—

- (a) information about the person’s health that identifies, or is likely to identify, the person; or
- (b) information about the person’s criminal history obtained under this Act.

### **201 Board’s annual report must disclose authorisation**

(1) This section applies if the board is given information, under section 200(5), in a financial year about an authorisation.

(2) The board must include a statement about the authorisation in its annual report under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977* for the financial year.

(3) The statement must include general details about—

- (a) the nature of the information disclosed under the authorisation; and
- (b) the purpose for which the information was disclosed.

(4) However, the statement must not identify any person.

## **PART 9—MISCELLANEOUS**

### *Division 1—Abandoned, and other, health records*

#### **202 Definitions for div 1**

In this division—

“**health records**” means documents, recording the health history, condition and treatment of users of the professional services provided by a person, made in the course of the person’s practice of the dental prosthetics profession.

“**possess**”, a health record, includes having the record under control in any place, whether or not another person has custody of the record.

#### **203 Board may take possession of abandoned health records**

(1) This section applies if the board suspects on reasonable grounds that health records have been abandoned.

(2) The board may take and keep possession of the records to be dealt with under this division.

(3) For taking possession of the records, the board may give notice to the occupier of the place where the records are situated to deliver the records to the board to be dealt with under this division.

(4) The notice must state that the requirement must be complied with within a period of 14 days after the occupier receives the notice.

(5) The occupier must comply with the requirement within the stated period, unless the occupier has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty for subsection (5)—50 penalty units.

#### **204 Health records forming part of deceased estate**

(1) This section applies if health records form part of a deceased estate.

(2) The personal representative of the deceased person concerned may deliver the records into the possession of the board to be dealt with under this division.

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**205 Health records of persons convicted of an offence against s 125(1) or (6) or 126**

(1) This section applies to a person who is convicted of an offence against section 125(1) or (6) or 126.<sup>43</sup>

(2) The board may give the person notice to deliver health records in the possession or control of the person into the possession of the board to be dealt with under this division.

(3) The person must within 14 days after receiving the notice deliver the records into the possession of the board.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) If the person does not comply with the notice, the board may take and keep possession of the records.

**206 Dealing with certain health records seized under s 158 or 159**

(1) This section applies if, under section 158 or 159,<sup>44</sup> an inspector seizes health records that the board may take and keep possession of under section 203 or 205.

(2) The inspector must deliver the health records into the possession of the board to be dealt with under this division.

(3) Sections 164, 167 and 168<sup>45</sup> do not apply to health records delivered to the board under subsection (2).

**207 How board may deal with health records**

(1) This section applies if the board takes possession of a health record under this division.

(2) The board may—

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43 Section 125 (Taking of restricted titles etc.) or 126 (Claims by persons as to registration)

44 Section 158 (Seizing evidence at a place that may be entered without consent or warrant) or 159 (Seizing evidence at a place that may only be entered with consent or warrant)

45 Sections 164 (Forfeiture of seized things), 167 (Return of seized things) and 168 (Access to seized things)

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- (a) give the record to the person to whom the record relates; or
- (b) if directed by the person, give the record to a registrant under a health practitioner registration Act chosen by the person; or
- (c) if the board can not find the person after making reasonable inquiries, keep the record; or
- (d) if the board can not find the person, after making reasonable inquiries, and decides it is no longer necessary to keep the record, destroy the record.

(3) To remove doubt, it is declared that the board is taken to be keeping a health record if another body stores the record on its behalf.

### **208 Destruction of health records**

(1) This section applies if the board destroys a health record under section 207(2)(d).

(2) Compensation is not recoverable against the board because of the destruction of the record.

### *Division 2—Continuing professional education of registrants*

### **209 Continuing professional education programs**

(1) The board may develop or recognise a program for the continuing professional education of registrants in a profession.

(2) The board must give notice to all registrants in the profession, to whom the program is relevant, of details of the program.

(3) The program may state the minimum continuing professional education requirements a registrant in the profession needs to satisfy, in a stated period, to keep up-to-date with developments in the practice of the profession.

(4) A registrant who has satisfied the requirements in the stated period may advertise this fact.

(5) A registrant who has not satisfied the requirements in the stated period must not advertise that the registrant has satisfied the requirements.

Maximum penalty for subsection (5)—50 penalty units.

***Division 3—Declared events***

**210 Definitions for div 3**

In this division—

**“declaration period”** see section 211(3).

**“declared event”** means an event declared to be a declared event under section 211(1).

**“interstate law”** means a law of another State that provides for the same matter as this Act.

**“local practitioner”** means a person registered under this Act.

**“participant”** means a person who is officially participating in, or preparing for, a declared event.

**“prepare”** includes the following—

- (a) train;
- (b) practise;
- (c) rehearse;
- (d) acclimatise.

**“visiting practitioner”**, in relation to a declared event, means a person who—

- (a) is not a local practitioner; and
- (b) is registered under an interstate law in a profession; and
- (c) is appointed, employed, contracted or otherwise engaged to provide professional services to a participant in relation to the event.

**211 Declaration of events**

(1) The Minister may, by notice, declare a sporting, cultural or other event to be a declared event for this Act.

(2) The notice must be for an event taking place, or to take place, in the State that will or is likely to attract a significant number of participants.

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(3) The notice must state a period during which the declaration is to remain in force (the “**declaration period**”).

(4) The declaration period for the declared event may include a period before or after the declared event takes place.

(5) The notice is subordinate legislation.

### **212 Deemed general registration of visiting practitioners**

(1) This section applies to a visiting practitioner in relation to a declared event.

(2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), the practitioner is taken to be a general registrant in the profession in which the practitioner is registered under an interstate law, during the declaration period for the event, in relation to the provision of professional services to a participant in the event.

(3) The practitioner’s deemed general registration under subsection (2) is taken to be subject to any conditions of the practitioner’s registration under an interstate law in the profession.

(4) Part 3, divisions 4 to 7 and 9<sup>46</sup> do not apply to the practitioner while the practitioner is taken, under subsection (2), to be a general registrant.

(5) The practitioner is not taken to be a registrant for the operation of sections 37(1)(b) and 197.<sup>47</sup>

### *Division 4—Other provisions*

### **213 Protecting officials from liability**

(1) An official is not civilly liable for an act done, or omission made, honestly and without negligence under this Act.

(2) If subsection (1) prevents a civil liability attaching to an official, the liability attaches instead to the board.

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46 Part 3 (Registration), divisions 4 (Renewal of general registrations), 5 (Restoration of general registrations), 6 (Cancellation of general registrations), 7 (Reviewing conditions of general registrations) and 9 (General provisions about registrations)

47 Sections 37 (Matters to be included in annual report) and 197 (Register to be kept)



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(3) In this section—

“official” means—

- (a) a member; or
- (b) a committee member who is not a board member; or
- (c) the executive officer; or
- (d) a person appointed by the board to conduct a health assessment of another person; or
- (e) an inspector; or
- (f) a person acting under the direction or authority of an inspector.

#### **214 False or misleading information or documents**

(1) A person must not give information to the board the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(2) A person must not give the board a document containing information the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person if the person, when giving the document—

- (a) tells the board, to the best of the person’s ability, how it is false or misleading; and
- (b) if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information, gives the correct information.

#### **215 Certificates etc. not to be false or misleading**

A registrant must not, in the registrant’s professional capacity, sign or give to another person, a certificate, notice, report or other document the registrant knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

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**216 Application of provisions**

(1) This section applies if a provision of this Act applies another provision of this Act for a purpose.

(2) The other provision, and any definition relevant to the other provision, apply with any necessary changes.

(3) Subsection (2) is not limited merely because a provision states how the other provision is to apply.

**217 Approval of forms**

The board may approve forms for use under this Act.

**218 Examination fees**

A person who sits an examination set and administered by the board under this Act must, before sitting the examination, pay the board the fee for the examination prescribed under a regulation.

**219 Regulation-making power**

(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

(2) A regulation may be made about the following—

- (a) fees, including the refunding of fees, for this Act;
- (b) imposing a penalty of not more than 20 penalty units for a contravention of a provision of a regulation.

(3) Without limiting subsection (2)(a), a regulation may prescribe amounts as fees having regard to the costs of the board performing its functions under, or complying with—

- (a) an Act in the legislative scheme; or
- (b) another Act.

## **PART 10—REPEAL, TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS**

### *Division 1—Repeal*

#### **220 Repeal of Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991**

The *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991* (1991 Act No. 57) is repealed.

### *Division 2—Transitional provisions*

#### **221 Definitions for div 2**

In this division—

“**column 1 registration**” see section 232(1).

“**column 2 registration**” see section 232(2).

“**commencement**” means commencement of this section.

“**former board**” means the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board of Queensland under the repealed Act.

“**item**”, followed by a number, in relation to a column 1 or 2 registration, means the column 1 or 2 registration identified in the table in section 232(1) by the item number.

#### **222 References to repealed Act or former board**

(1) In an Act or document, a reference to the repealed Act may, if the context permits, be taken as a reference to this Act.

(2) A reference in an Act or document to the former board may, if the context permits, be taken as a reference to the board.

#### **223 Board is the legal successor**

(1) The board is the successor in law of the former board.

(2) Sections 224 to 228 do not limit subsection (1).

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## **224 Assets and liabilities etc.**

On the commencement—

- (a) the assets and liabilities of the former board become assets and liabilities of the board; and
- (b) any contracts entered into by or on behalf of the former board and all guarantees, undertakings and securities given by or on behalf of the former board, in force immediately before the commencement, are taken to have been entered into or given by or to the board and may be enforced against or by the board; and
- (c) any property that, immediately before the commencement, was held on trust, or subject to a condition, by the former board continues to be held by the board on the same trusts, or subject to the same condition.

## **225 Service agreements**

A service agreement entered into by the former board, in force immediately before the commencement, is taken to have been entered into by the board.

## **226 Proceedings**

A proceeding that could have been started or continued by or against the former board before the commencement may be started or continued by or against the board.

## **227 Dealing with matter under Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999**

A matter that had started to be, or could have been, dealt with under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999* by the former board before the commencement may be continued, or started, to be dealt with by the board.

## **228 Offences**

(1) Proceedings for an offence against the repealed Act may be continued, or started by the board, and the provisions of the repealed Act

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and the *Medical Act and Other Acts (Administration) Act 1966* necessary or convenient to be used in relation to the proceedings continue to apply, as if this Act had not commenced.

(2) For subsection (1), the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 20<sup>48</sup> applies, but does not limit the subsection.

(3) This section has effect despite the repeal of the *Medical Act and Other Acts (Administration) Act 1966*.

## 229 Membership of board

(1) From the commencement, the board consists of the existing members.

(2) Also, the board may include other persons appointed by the Governor in Council (the “**additional members**”).

(3) However, the first board must not consist of more than 11 members.

(4) An existing member holds office as a member until the earlier of the following days—

- (a) the day the existing member’s term of appointment under the repealed Act would have ended if this Act had not commenced;
- (b) if the existing member vacates office under this Act before the day mentioned in paragraph (a), the day the existing member vacates office.

(5) An additional member is to be appointed for a term that ends on or before the day when the existing members’ terms of appointment under the repealed Act would have ended if this Act had not commenced.

(6) If a person, including an existing member, appointed to the board under this section is a registrant, the person is taken to be a registrant member.

(7) The Governor in Council may appoint a person to fill the office of a member of the first board if it is vacant.

(8) This section has effect despite sections 15 to 18 and 20.<sup>49</sup>

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48 *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 20 (Saving of operation of repealed Act etc.)

49 Sections 15 (Membership of board), 16 (Registrant members), 17 (Public members), 18 (Certain nominee board members) and 20 (Term of appointment)

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(9) In this section—

“**existing member**” means a person who, immediately before the commencement, held office as a member of the former board.

“**first board**” means the board as constituted under this section.

### **230 Chairperson and deputy chairperson of board**

(1) From the commencement—

- (a) the existing chairperson is taken to be the chairperson of the board as constituted under section 229; and
- (b) the existing deputy chairperson is taken to be the deputy chairperson of the board as constituted under section 229.

(2) The existing chairperson ceases to hold office as the chairperson if the existing chairperson vacates the office of chairperson under this Act.

(3) The existing deputy chairperson ceases to hold office as the deputy chairperson if the existing deputy chairperson vacates the office of deputy chairperson under this Act.

(4) This section has effect despite section 19(1) and (3).<sup>50</sup>

(5) In this section—

“**existing chairperson**” means the person who, immediately before the commencement, held office as the chairperson of the former board.

“**existing deputy chairperson**” means the person who, immediately before the commencement, held office as the deputy chairperson of the former board.

### **231 Appeals**

(1) Subsection (2) applies if—

- (a) a person has appealed to the District Court under repealed section 53 before the commencement against a decision of the former board; and
- (b) the appeal has not been decided before the commencement.

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<sup>50</sup> Section 19 (Chairperson and deputy chairperson of board)

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(2) The District Court may hear, or continue to hear, and decide the appeal under the repealed Act as if this Act had not commenced.

(3) Subsection (4) applies if—

- (a) immediately before the commencement a person could have appealed to the District Court under the repealed section 53 against a decision of the former board; and
- (b) the person has not appealed before the commencement.

(4) The person may appeal, and the District Court may hear and decide the appeal, under the repealed Act as if this Act had not commenced.

(5) For giving effect to its decision under subsection (2) or (4), the District Court may make the orders it considers necessary having regard to the provisions of this Act.

*Example for subsection (5)—*

On an appeal by a person against a decision of the former board to refuse to register the person as a dental technician or dental prosthetist under the repealed Act, the District Court may order that the board register the person under this Act.

(6) In this section—

**“repealed section 53”** means section 53 of the repealed Act.

## **232 Existing registrations**

(1) This section applies to a person who immediately before the commencement was registered, under the repealed Act, for a category of registration mentioned in column 1 of the following table (the **“column 1 registration”**)—

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**Table**

	<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
1.	registration as a dental technician under section 25(1) of the repealed Act	general registration as a dental technician
2.	registration as a dental prosthetist under section 25(2) of the repealed Act	general registration as a dental prosthetist
3.	provisional registration as a dental technician under section 29 of the repealed Act	provisional general registration as a dental technician
4.	provisional registration as a dental prosthetist under section 29 of the repealed Act	provisional general registration as a dental prosthetist.

(2) The person is taken to be registered for the category of registration mentioned in column 2 of the table (the “**column 2 registration**”) shown opposite the column 1 registration.

(3) If the column 1 registration was, immediately before the commencement, subject to conditions, the column 2 registration is taken to be subject to the conditions.

(4) Despite section 56,<sup>51</sup> the column 2 registration continues until the later of the following days—

- (a) 30 April first happening after the commencement;
- (b) the day that is 3 months after the commencement.

(5) However, subsection (4) stops applying if the column 2 registration is surrendered or cancelled.



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### **233 Existing applications for certain column 1 registrations**

(1) An application for an item 1 or 2 column 1 registration made under the repealed Act, and not decided before the commencement, must be decided under this Act.

(2) The application is taken to be for the column 2 registration shown opposite the column 1 registration.

(3) Part 3, division 2<sup>52</sup> applies to the application.

(4) However, the provisions of part 3, division 2 dealing with making the application in the approved form and paying the application fee and registration fee, that would otherwise apply do not apply to the application.

### **234 Existing applications for restoration of certain column 1 registrations**

(1) An application for the restoration of an item 1 or 2 column 1 registration made under section 31(4) of the repealed Act, and not decided before the commencement, must be decided under this Act.

(2) The application is taken to be for the restoration of the column 2 registration shown opposite the column 1 registration.

(3) Part 3, division 5<sup>53</sup> applies to the application.

(4) However, the following provisions do not apply to the application—

(a) the provisions, applied by section 76,<sup>54</sup> to the extent to which they relate to recency of practice requirements;

(b) sections 77, 78 and 82.<sup>55</sup>

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52 Part 3 (Registration), division 2 (Applications for general registration)

53 Part 3 (Registration), division 5 (Restoration of general registrations)

54 Section 76 (Application of div 4, sdivs 1 and 3)

55 Sections 77 (When an application for restoration of a general registration may be made), 78 (Procedural requirements for applications) and 82 (When recency of practice conditions take effect)

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### **235 Suspended registrations**

(1) This section applies if an item 1 or 2 column 1 registration has been suspended and the period of suspension has not ended before the commencement.

(2) The suspension is taken to continue as a suspension of the column 2 registration shown opposite the column 1 registration.

### **236 Approval of business names under repealed Act**

(1) This section applies if—

(a) immediately before the commencement—

(i) there was in effect an approval of a name under the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991*, section 35 (the “**approval provision**”); or

(ii) an application for approval of a name under the approval provision had not been finally dealt with; and

(b) the holder of the approval or applicant is taken to be registered under section 232.

(2) The holder or applicant is taken to have given the board notice of the name as a business name under section 130(1).<sup>56</sup>

### **237 Sections 130 and 133 ineffective for 6 months**

(1) Sections 130 and 133<sup>57</sup> have no effect for 6 months after they commence.

(2) However, a person may give the board a notice mentioned in section 130 within the 6 month period.

### **238 Records**

(1) This section applies if—

(a) a registration was affected under the repealed Act; and

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<sup>56</sup> Section 130 (Notification of business names etc.)

<sup>57</sup> Sections 130 (Notification of business names etc.) and 133 (Information to appear in advertisements)

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(b) immediately before the commencement, the former board held a record of the details of the way the registration was affected and the reason for it being affected.

(2) The record must be kept by the board for at least 10 years after the commencement.

### **239 Certain Act has not been repealed**

(1) This section applies if an Act mentioned in column 2 of the following table (the “**column 2 Act**”) has not been repealed—

**Table**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
<i>Chiropractors Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Chiropractor and Osteopaths Act 1979</i>
<i>Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Dental Act 1971</i>
<i>Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Medical Act 1939</i>
<i>Occupation Therapists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Occupational Therapists Act 1979</i>
<i>Optometrists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Optometrists Act 1974</i>
<i>Osteopaths Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Chiropractor and Osteopaths Act 1979</i>
<i>Pharmacists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Pharmacy Act 1976</i>
<i>Physiotherapists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Physiotherapists Act 1964</i>
<i>Podiatrists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Podiatrists Act 1969</i>
<i>Psychologists Registration Act 2001</i>	<i>Psychologists Act 1977</i>

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**Column 1**

**Column 2**

*Speech Pathologists Registration  
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*Speech Pathologists Act 1979.*

(2) A reference in schedule 4, definition “health practitioner registration Act” to the Act mentioned in column 1 of the table shown opposite the column 2 Act is taken to be a reference to the column 2 Act.

*Division 3—Savings provisions*

**240 Interpretation**

(1) In this division—

“**approved dental prosthetics course**” means a course in dental prosthetics declared under a regulation to be an approved dental prosthetics course.

“**approved oral pathology course**” means a course in oral pathology declared under a regulation to be an approved oral pathology course.

“**artificial denture**” means a removable prosthesis that replaces missing natural teeth, and includes a removable partial artificial denture.

“**company**” means a body corporate.

“**dental technical work**” means making, altering, adjusting, repairing or maintaining—

- (a) artificial dentures; or
- (b) mouthguards; or
- (c) restorative or corrective dental appliances.

“**dentist**” means a person registered under the *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001*.

“**fitting**” in respect of a dental prosthesis, includes taking an impression or making a measurement for the purpose of making, altering, adjusting, repairing, inserting or maintaining an artificial denture or mouthguard.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), in this division—

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**“dental prosthetic service”** means—

- (a) advice or attention given for the purpose of, or in connection with, fitting, inserting or maintaining an artificial denture or a mouthguard; or
- (b) fitting or inserting an artificial denture in a person’s healthy mouth; or
- (c) fitting or inserting a mouthguard; or
- (d) making, altering, adjusting, repairing or maintaining an artificial denture or a mouthguard in connection with a purpose mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

but does not include fitting or inserting an artificial denture if, in the proper practice of dentistry, it could reasonably be foreseen that before doing so any preventive, curative, operative or conservative treatment may be required to—

- (e) balance the occlusion of natural teeth and the artificial denture; or
  - (f) prepare natural teeth or the jaw for insertion of the artificial denture; or
  - (g) extract, restore or treat natural teeth in either jaw; or
  - (h) treat or condition soft tissues of the jaw before inserting the artificial denture; or
  - (i) modify the hard or soft tissues of the jaw before inserting the artificial denture.
- (3)** For the purposes of subsection (2)—
- (a) an artificial denture does not include—
    - (i) a fixed bridge; or
    - (ii) an artificial denture, of which an intracoronal retainer or rest forms part, or to which an intracoronal retainer or rest is attached; or
    - (iii) an artificial denture that—
      - (A) is combined with an obturator; or
      - (B) relates to any phase of orthodontic treatment; or

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- (C) incorporates overlays which modify or treat the occlusion of teeth; or
      - (D) performs any active or passive function other than the replacement of teeth for cosmetic purposes or to enhance mastication; or
    - (iv) an artificial denture that overlays natural teeth or dental implants; and
  - (b) the mouth of a person is taken to be not healthy if the mouth has not been recently examined by a dentist or medical practitioner and—
    - (i) there are signs or symptoms of temporo-mandibular joint damage, disease or abnormality; or
    - (ii) there are signs or symptoms that indicate a jaw—
      - (A) may be damaged or diseased; or
      - (B) contains unerupted teeth or retained root remnants; or
      - (C) exhibits any swelling; or
    - (iii) the mouth contains soft tissue that appears to be damaged, not completely healed, hyperplastic or diseased; or
    - (iv) the mouth contains teeth that appear to be carious, damaged or diseased; or
    - (v) there are signs or symptoms of periodontal disease.
- (4)** For the purposes of this division—
- (a) an individual is taken to have performed dental technical work, or provided a dental prosthetic service, if the work is performed, or the service is provided, by an employee or agent employed or engaged by the person in the course of a business carried on by the person; and
  - (b) a company is taken to have performed dental technical work, or provided a dental prosthetic service, if the work is performed, or the service is provided, by an employee or agent employed or engaged by the company to perform the work or provide the service.

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### **241 Application of div 3**

This division does not apply to the carrying on by a medical practitioner of the practice of medicine, or a dentist of the practice of dentistry, in accordance with law.

### **242 Entering in register of additional information**

On application made by a dental prosthetist who has successfully completed an approved dental prosthetics course or approved oral pathology course, the board must enter details of completion of the course in the register.

### **243 Authority to practise restricted to registrants**

(1) A person must not perform dental technical work for fee or reward unless the person is a dental technician.

Maximum penalty—17 penalty units.

(2) A person must not provide dental prosthetic services for fee or reward unless the person is a dental prosthetist.

Maximum penalty—35 penalty units.

(3) A person must not employ another person—

- (a) to perform dental technical work unless that other person is a dental technician or dental prosthetist, or is a dentist; or
- (b) to provide a dental prosthetic service, unless that other person is a dental prosthetist or is a dentist.

Maximum penalty—4 penalty units.

(4) Subsections (1) and (3) do not apply to the performance of dental technical work by a person undergoing a course of training approved by the Board under the immediate supervision of a dental technician or dental prosthetist, or a dentist.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to the provision of a dental prosthetic service by a person undergoing a course of training approved by the Board under the immediate supervision of a dental prosthetist or a dentist.

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**244 Restriction on performance of dental technical work and provision of dental prosthetic services**

(1) A dental technician who is not a dental prosthetist must not perform dental technical work for fee or reward other than on the written order of a dentist, medical practitioner or dental prosthetist.

(2) A dental prosthetist must not supply and fit a partial artificial denture to a person, unless—

- (a) a dentist or medical practitioner has certified the oral health of the person is satisfactory; or
- (b) the person performing the work is a dental prosthetist—
  - (i) who has successfully completed an approved dental prosthetics course; or
  - (ii) for whom details of the successful completion of an approved dental prosthetics course or approved oral pathology course are entered in the register under section 242.

Maximum penalty—35 penalty units.

**245 Continuation of section of regulation under repealed Act**

(1) The *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Regulation 1998*, section 2, as in force immediately before the commencement of this section, and as amended by section 249 (the “**saved provision**”), continues to have effect and is taken to be a regulation under this Act for all purposes, including amendment and repeal by regulation.

(2) A regulation under this Act may relocate the saved provision to a regulation under this Act and for that purpose renumber the saved provision.

**246 References to Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001**

(1) Subsection (2) applies if the *Dental Act 1971* has not been repealed.

(2) A reference in this division to the *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001* is taken to be a reference to the *Dental Act 1971*.



## SCHEDULE 1

### DECISIONS FOR WHICH INFORMATION NOTICES MUST BE GIVEN

section 180(2)

<b>Section</b>	<b>Description of decision</b>
51	Deciding to refuse to register an applicant for general registration as a general registrant
51, as applied by section 103	Deciding to refuse to register an applicant for special purpose registration as a special purpose registrant
57	Deciding to register a person as a general registrant on conditions and deciding the review period applying to the conditions
73	Deciding to refuse to renew a general registration
73, as applied by section 76	Deciding to refuse to restore a general registration
73 as applied by section 110	Deciding to refuse to renew a special purpose registration
74	Deciding to renew a general registration on recency of practice conditions and deciding the review period applying to the conditions

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<b>Section</b>	<b>Description of decision</b>
74, as applied by section 76	Deciding to restore a general registration on recency of practice conditions and deciding the review period applying to the conditions
87	Deciding to cancel a general registration
87, as applied by section 114	Deciding to cancel a special purpose registration
95	Deciding to confirm or change conditions of a general registration and deciding the review period applying to the conditions
108	Deciding to register a person as a special purpose registrant on conditions
112	Deciding to renew a special purpose registration on conditions
120	Deciding to refuse to grant an application for the replacement of a certificate of registration
164(1)(c)	Decision resulting in a thing being forfeited to the State

## SCHEDULE 4

### DICTIONARY

section 8

**“accepted representations”** see section 85(2).

**“advertise”** includes—

- (a) placing an entry in a directory; and
- (b) displaying a sign; and
- (c) using printed stationery.

**“appellant”** see section 180(1).

**“application fee”** see section 42(1)(c)(ii).

**“approved form”** means a form approved by the board.

**“assessment report”** see section 48(1).

**“authorised person”**, for part 3, division 3, see section 59(1).

**“board”** means the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Board of Queensland.

**“business name”**, of a business, means a name or style under which the business is carried on.

**“certificate of general registration”** means a certificate of general registration issued under part 3.

**“certificate of provisional general registration”** means a certificate of provisional general registration issued under section 60(5).

**“certificate of provisional special purpose registration”** means a certificate of provisional special purpose registration issued under part 3, division 8.

**“certificate of registration”** means a certificate of general registration, certificate of provisional general registration, certificate of special purpose registration or certificate of provisional special purpose registration.

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**“certificate of special purpose registration”** means a certificate of special purpose registration issued under part 3, division 8.

**“certified copy”**, of a certificate of registration, means a copy that is certified by the board as being a true copy of the certificate.

**“chairperson”** means the chairperson of the board appointed under section 19(1).

**“column 1 registration”**, for part 10, division 2, see section 221.

**“column 2 registration”**, for part 10, division 2, see section 221.

**“commencement”**, for part 10, division 2, see section 221.

**“committee”** means a committee of the board established under section 33(1).

**“convicted”**, of an offence, means being found guilty of the offence, on a plea of guilty or otherwise, whether or not a conviction is recorded.

**“corresponding law”** means a law applying, or that applied, in another State, the Commonwealth or a foreign country that provides, or provided, for the same matter as—

- (a) a health practitioner registration Act or the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*; or
- (b) a provision of a health practitioner registration Act or the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

**“criminal history”**, of a person, means all the following—

- (a) every conviction of the person for an offence, in Queensland or elsewhere, and whether before or after the commencement of this Act;
- (b) every charge made against the person for an offence, in Queensland or elsewhere, and whether before or after the commencement of this Act.

**“declaration period”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“declared event”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“dental prosthetist”** means a person registered under this Act in the dental prosthetics profession.

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**“dental technician”** means a person registered under this Act in the dental technology profession.

**“deputy chairperson”** means the deputy chairperson of the board appointed under section 19(1).

**“document production requirement”** see section 171(5).

**“educational institution”** means a university, training institution or professional college engaged in the education of persons in the practice of a profession.

**“executive officer”** means the executive officer appointed under the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999*.

**“executive officer”**, of a corporation, means a person who is concerned with, or takes part in, the corporation’s management, whether or not the person is a director or the person’s position is given the name of executive officer.

**“facsimile warrant”** see section 153(4).

**“foreign regulatory authority”** means—

- (a) an interstate regulatory authority; or
- (b) an entity established under a law applying in a foreign country, other than New Zealand, having functions similar to the board’s functions under this Act or the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

**“former board”**, for part 10, division 2, see section 221.

**“former registrant”** means a person who was, but is not currently, registered under part 3.

**“general registrant”** means a person registered, under part 3, as a general registrant, but does not include a provisional general registrant.

**“general registration”** means registration of a person as a general registrant under part 3.

**“general registration period”** see section 56(1).

**“health assessment”**, in relation to a person, includes—

- (a) a physical, medical, psychiatric or psychological examination or test of the person; and

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(b) asking questions to assess the person’s mental and physical health.

**“Health Insurance Commission”** means the Health Insurance Commission established under the *Health Insurance Commission Act 1973* (Cwlth), section 4.

**“health practitioner registration Act”** means any of the following Acts—

- this Act
- *Chiropractors Registration Act 2001*
- *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001*
- *Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001*
- *Medical Radiation Technologists Registration Act 2001*
- *Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001*
- *Optometrists Registration Act 2001*
- *Osteopaths Registration Act 2001*
- *Pharmacists Registration Act 2001*
- *Physiotherapists Registration Act 2001*
- *Podiatrists Registration Act 2001*
- *Psychologists Registration Act 2001*
- *Speech Pathologists Registration Act 2001*.

**“health records”**, for part 9, division 1, see section 202.

**“health service”** means a service for maintaining, improving or restoring people’s health and wellbeing.

**“impose”**, a condition, includes change or confirm the condition.

**“information notice”**, for a decision of the board or an inspector, is a notice stating the following—

- (a) the decision;
- (b) the reasons for the decision;
- (c) that the person to whom the notice is given may appeal against the decision within 28 days;

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- (d) how the person may appeal against the decision to the District Court;
- (e) if the decision is that a person be registered on conditions—
  - (i) for a general registration—the review period applying to the conditions; and
  - (ii) for conditions imposed because of the person’s mental and physical health, the details of which it has been decided under section 57(4) to record in the register—the details that must be recorded in the register for the period for which the conditions are in force;
- (f) if the decision is that a general registration be renewed or restored on recency of practice conditions, the review period applying to the conditions;
- (g) if the decision is that a registration be cancelled—a direction to the person—
  - (i) to return the certificate of registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice; and
  - (ii) for a decision that a dental prosthetist’s general registration as a dental technician be cancelled—to return the certificate of general registration as a dental prosthetist to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice;
- (h) if the decision is that the conditions imposed on a general registration be confirmed, the review period applying to the confirmed conditions;
- (i) if the decision is that the conditions imposed on a general registration be changed—
  - (i) the review period applying to the changed conditions; and
  - (ii) if the conditions were imposed because of the person’s mental and physical health and it is decided under section 100(2) that details of the changed conditions must be recorded in the register, the details that must be recorded in the register for the period for which the changed conditions are in force; and

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- (iii) a direction to the person to return the certificate of registration to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice; and
- (iv) for a decision that conditions on a dental prosthetist's general registration as a dental technician be changed—a direction to the person to return the certificate of general registration as a dental prosthetist to the board within 14 days after receiving the notice.

**“inspector”** means a person who is appointed as an inspector under section 144.

**“interstate law”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“interstate regulatory authority”** means an entity established under the law of another State or New Zealand having functions similar to the board's functions under this Act or the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*.

**“item”**, for part 10, division 2, see section 221.

**“legislative scheme”** see section 4.

**“local practitioner”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“medical condition”** includes substance abuse or dependence.

**“member”** means a member of the board.

**“notice”** means written notice.

**“occupier”**, of a place, includes a person who reasonably appears to be an occupier, or in charge, of the place.

**“office”** means the Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards under the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999*.

**“original decision”** see section 180(1).

**“participant”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“personal details requirement”** see section 169(5).

**“place”** includes premises, vacant land and a vehicle.

**“place of seizure”** see section 160.



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**“possess”**, a health record, for part 9, division 1, see section 202.

**“premises”** includes—

- (a) a building or other structure; and
- (b) a part of a building or other structure; and
- (c) land where a building or other structure is situated.

**“prepare”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“profession”** means—

- (a) the dental technology profession; or
- (b) the dental prosthetics profession.

**“professional service”** means—

- (a) for the dental technology profession—a dental technology service; or
- (b) for the dental prosthetics profession—a dental prosthetic service.

**“provisional general registrant”** means a person registered, under section 60, as a provisional general registrant.

**“provisional general registration”** means registration of a person as a provisional general registrant under section 60.

**“provisional special purpose registrant”** means a person registered, under part 3, division 8, as a provisional special purpose registrant.

**“provisional special purpose registration”** means registration of a person as a provisional special purpose registrant under part 3, division 8.

**“public members”** see section 15(2)(b).

**“public place”** means a place that the public is entitled to use, is open to the public or is used by the public (whether or not on payment of money).

**“recency of practice conditions”** see section 74(2).

**“recency of practice requirements”** see section 68.

**“register”** means the register kept under section 197.

**“registrant”** means a person registered under part 3.

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**“registrant members”** see section 15(2)(a).

**“registration”** means registration under part 3.

**“registration fee”** see section 42(1)(c)(iii).

**“renewable registration”** means a general registration or special purpose registration.

**“repealed Act”** means the *Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991*.

**“restoration fee”** see section 78(1)(b)(i).

**“restricted title”** means—

- (a) for the dental technology profession—a title that consists of, or includes, the words ‘dental technician’; and
- (b) for the dental prosthetics profession—a title that consists of, or includes, the words ‘dental prosthetist’.

**“review period”**, applying to conditions imposed by the board or the District Court on a general registration, means the period, not more than 3 years after the decision to impose the conditions takes effect, within which the registrant may not apply for a review of the conditions under part 3, division 7.

**“service agreement”** means an agreement made under the *Health Practitioner Registration Boards (Administration) Act 1999*, between the executive officer and the board, for the provision of administrative and operational support by the office to the board.

**“show cause notice”** see section 84(1).

**“show cause period”** see section 84(2)(e).

**“special activities”** see section 102.

**“special purpose registrant”** means a person registered, under part 3, division 8, as a special purpose registrant, but does not include a provisional special purpose registrant.

**“special purpose registration”** means registration of a person as a special purpose registrant under part 3, division 8.

**“user”**, of a registrant’s services, includes a person who used the services.

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**“visiting practitioner”**, for part 9, division 3, see section 210.

**“warrant form”** see section 153(5)(b).

## ENDNOTES

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### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

Key	Explanation	Key	Explanation
AIA	= Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	= previously
amd	= amended	proc	= proclamation
amdt	= amendment	prov	= provision
ch	= chapter	pt	= part
def	= definition	pubd	= published
div	= division	R[X]	= Reprint No.[X]
exp	= expires/expired	RA	= Reprints Act 1992
gaz	= gazette	reloc	= relocated
hdg	= heading	renum	= renumbered
ins	= inserted	rep	= repealed
lap	= lapsed	(retro)	= retrospectively
notfd	= notified	rv	= revised edition
o in c	= order in council	s	= section
om	= omitted	sch	= schedule
orig	= original	sdiv	= subdivision
p	= page	SIA	= Statutory Instruments Act 1992
para	= paragraph	SIR	= Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
prec	= preceding	SL	= subordinate legislation
pres	= present	sub	= substituted
prev	= previous	unnum	= unnumbered

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## 4 Table of reprints

Reprints are issued for both future and past effective dates. For the most up-to-date table of reprints, see the reprint with the latest effective date.

If a reprint number includes a letter of the alphabet, the reprint was released in unauthorised, electronic form only.

### TABLE OF REPRINTS

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### **Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 2001 No. 5**

date of assent 11 May 2001

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 1 May 2002 (2002 SL No. 74)

**Note**—(1) This Act contains provisions that were relocated from the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Act 1991 (2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3)

(2) ss 3–4, 31A, 33–34 are relocated to the Dental Technicians and Dental Prosthetists Registration Act 2001 into pt 10, div 3 and renumbered as ss 240–244 (2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3)

amending legislation—

### **Corporations (Ancillary Provisions) Act 2001 No. 45 ss 1–2, 29 sch 3**

date of assent 28 June 2001

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

sch 3 commenced 15 July 2001 (see s 2(2) of Act 2001 No. 45 (Qld) and Corporations Act 2001 No. 50 (Cwlth) and proc pubd Cwlth of Australia gaz 13 July 2001, No. S285)

remaining provision commenced immediately before 15 July 2001 (see s 2(1) of Act 2001 No. 45 (Qld) and Corporations Act 2001 No. 50 (Cwlth) and proc pubd Cwlth of Australia gaz 13 July 2001, No. S285)

### **Health Legislation Amendment Act 2001 No. 78 s 1 pt 4**

date of assent 15 November 2001

commenced on date of assent

### **Health and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2003 No. 9 ss 1, 67 sch**

date of assent 28 March 2003

commenced on date of assent

## **6 List of annotations**

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 renum and reloc 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3

### **Entering in register of additional information**

**s 242** (prev 1991 No. 57 s 31A) ins 1997 No. 47 s 5  
 amd 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3  
 renum and reloc 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3

### **Authority to practise restricted to registrants**

**prov hdg** amd 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3  
**s 243** (prev 1991 No. 57 s 33) amd 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3  
 renum and reloc 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3  
 amd 2003 No. 9 s 67 sch

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renum and reloc 2001 No. 5 s 248 sch 3

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