



END OF THE '365 RULE' AND OTHER REGULATORY CHANGES ANNOUNCED

VANCOUVER—The British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association (BCDHA) is excited to announce that after years of hard work and advocacy from the association and our members, the Ministry of Health has posted proposed amendments to the Dentists Regulation, **the Dental Hygienists Regulation**, the Denturists Regulation, and the Dental Technicians Regulation.

The proposed amendments include some expansions in scope of practice. For dental hygienists, these long-awaited and very welcome amendments include:

- the removal of the "365-day rule" for dental hygienists and denturists
- the ability for dental hygienists to self-initiate the administration of x-rays and oral local anaesthesia

"We are so pleased that government has recognized the importance of moving dental hygiene regulation and practice forward and we look forward to completing a detailed review of the proposed amendments," said Tammy Gulevich, BCDHA Chair "We thank Minister Dix and his team for their hard work and dedication to ensuring dental hygienists across B.C. can provide British Columbians with better access to oral and primary care."

The amendments will be posted on the Ministry's professional regulation page for 90 days. You can review and comment on these amendments by visiting

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/professional-regulation/dental-hygiene>.

Over the next three months, BCDHA will review the changes and collaborate with other partners and stakeholders to provide tools and information to help dental hygienists understand how these changes will impact them. Please stay tuned to our website at www.bcdha.com for updates.

Formed in 1964, the BCDHA represents over 4,100 dental hygienists across the province. The BCDHA is dedicated to the principle that all British Columbians should have access to the quality preventative oral health services dental hygienists provide. BCDHA collaborates with government, the provincial dental hygiene regulatory body and clients to effectively serve members and the public.

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