

**PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR DENTAL ASSISTING, DENTAL THERAPY AND ORAL HYGIENE
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RESTORATION OF NAMES TO THE RELEVANT REGISTERS**

REGISTERS	REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTORATION
<p>Dental Assistants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the following documents: • A duly completed application for restoration form (Form 18) • Proof of payment of the restoration fees and all other relevant outstanding fees. • All dental Assistants are registered in the category “supervised practice” and have to work under direct supervision at all times and therefore, they are not required to submit confirmation of completion supervised period. • Those who have been off the register for <u>less than two years</u> will be registered in the category in which they were previously registered. • Applications from Dental Assistants whose names had been off the relevant register for a period <u>longer than six (6) years</u>, or who have not registered with the HPCSA within six (6) years of obtaining initial qualification, must undergo an assessment at a Board recognised Higher Education Institution. Upon successful completion of the assessment they will be registered in the relevant category in which they were previously registered. • <u>Dental Assistants will also be required to accrue the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) after restoration according to the CPD guidelines and will be included in an audit within a year of restoration.</u>

Dental Therapists

- **Submission of the following documents:**
 - i. A duly completed application for restoration form (**Form 18**)
 - ii. Proof of payment of the restoration fees and all other relevant outstanding fees.
- Those who have been off the register for **less than two years** will be registered in the category in which they were previously registered.
- Those who have been off the register for **between two and six years** will be registered in the category supervised practice and must practise under the supervision of a Dentist or Dental Therapist (in independent practice) for at least one (1) year prior to being eligible to apply for independent practice status.
- Applications from Dental Therapists whose names had been off the relevant register for a period **longer than six (6) years**, or who have not registered with the HPCSA within six

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(6) years of obtaining initial qualification, must undergo an assessment at a Board recognised Higher Education Institution. Upon successful completion of the assessment they will be registered in the category supervised practice, and must practise under the supervision of a Dentist or Dental Therapist (who is registered in the category independent practice) for at least one (1) year prior to being eligible to apply for independent practice status.

- **Dental Therapists will also be required to accrue the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEU's) after restoration according to the CPD guidelines and will be included in an audit within a year of restoration.**

Oral Hygienists

- **Submission of the following documents:**
 - i. A duly completed application for restoration form (**Form 18**)
 - ii. Proof of payment of the restoration fees and all other relevant outstanding fees.
- Those who have been off the register for **less than two years** will be registered in the category in which they were previously registered.
- Those who have been off the register for **between two and six years** will be registered in the category supervised practice and must practise under the supervision of a Dentist or Dental Therapist/oral Hygienist (in independent practice) for at least one (1) year prior to being eligible to apply for independent practice status.
- Applications from Oral Hygienists whose names had been off the relevant register for a period **longer than six (6) years**, or who have not registered with the HPCSA within six (6) years of obtaining initial qualification, must undergo an assessment at a Board recognised Higher Education Institution. Upon successful completion of the assessment they will be registered in the category supervised practice, and must practise under the supervision of a Dentist or Dental Therapist/Oral Hygienists (who is registered in the category independent practice) for at least one (1) year prior to being eligible to apply for independent practice status.
- **Oral Hygienist's will also be required to accrue the necessary Continuing Education Units (CEU's) after restoration according to the CPD guidelines and will be included in an audit within a year of restoration.**