

TITLE: **Qualifications for approval of additional functions under section 139A(2)(d)(ii)(B) of the *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001***

BACKGROUND: The Dental Board of Queensland (“the Board”) is responsible under the *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001* (“the Act”) to ensure that only safe and competent dental practitioners are registered to provide dental services.

REFERENCES: 1. *Dental Practitioners Registration Act 2001*

Section 139A prescribes that:

“(1) A person who is not a general registrant, provisional general registrant or medical practitioner, must not practise dentistry.

Maximum penalty—1000 penalty units.

(2) This section does not prohibit — ...

(d) dentistry by a dental auxiliary registrant or provisional dental auxiliary registrant performing the following functions under the supervision of a supervising registrant—

(i) the general functions of a dental auxiliary registrant;

(ii) additional functions prescribed under a regulation that the dental auxiliary may perform because of the following—

(B) qualifications and experience that the Board considers qualifies the dental auxiliary to perform the additional functions;

2. *Dental Practitioners Registration Regulation 2001*

Section 8C prescribes that:

(1) For section 139A(2)(d)(ii) of the Act, the additional function stated in schedule 2B, part 1, column 1 is prescribed for a dental therapist, if the dental therapist holds the qualification stated in column 2 opposite the additional function and conferred or awarded by the educational institution stated for the qualification.

(2) For section 139A(2)(d)(ii) of the Act, an additional function stated in schedule 2B, part 2, column 1 is prescribed for a dental hygienist, if the dental hygienist holds the qualification stated in column 2 opposite the additional function and conferred or awarded by the educational institution stated for the qualification.

Schedule 2B prescribes that:

Part 1 Dental therapy

<i>Column 1 Additional function</i>	<i>Column 2 Qualification and Institution</i>
<i>1 Placement of stainless steel crowns on primary teeth</i>	<i>Diploma of Oral Health Therapy, University of Melbourne</i>

Part 2 Dental hygiene

<i>Column 1 Additional function</i>	<i>Column 2 Qualification and Institution</i>
<i>1 Administration of dental local analgesia</i>	<i>Local Anaesthesia for Dental Hygiene Practice in Queensland, University of Queensland Local Analgesia for Dental Hygienists, University of Melbourne Local Anaesthesia Short Course, University of Adelaide</i>
<i>2 Band sizing</i>	<i>Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Oral Health), University of Queensland Academic Upgrade Course for School Dental Therapists, University of Queensland</i>
<i>3 Placement of archwire fixation</i>	<i>Additional Orthodontic Functions for Dental Hygiene Practice in Queensland, University of Queensland Orthodontics for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists, University of Melbourne</i>
<i>4 Removal of bands and attachments</i>	<i>Additional Orthodontic Functions for Dental Hygiene Practice in Queensland, University of Queensland Orthodontics for Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists, University of Melbourne</i>
<i>5 Removal of archwires</i>	<i>Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Oral Health), University of Queensland Academic Upgrade Course for School Dental Therapists, University of Queensland</i>
<i>6 Removal of archwire fixation</i>	<i>Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Oral Health), University of Queensland Academic Upgrade Course for School Dental Therapists, University of Queensland</i>

3. Code of Practice #1, Practice of Dentistry by Dental Therapists and Dental Hygienists - available at www.dentalboard.qld.gov.au

POLICY:

1. Pursuant to section 139A(2)(d)(ii)(B) of the Act and Sections 8A, 8B 8C and Schedule 2B of the *Dental Practitioners Registration Regulation 2001* ("the Regulation"), the Board may approve qualifications and experience that the Board considers qualifies the dental auxiliary to perform additional functions if the Dental Auxiliary does not hold one of the qualifications listed in Schedule 2B.

For the purposes of section 139A(2)(d)(ii)(B) the Board has resolved to accept as equivalent qualifications and experience, only formal courses conducted by institutions that have been accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

2. The following have been accepted for dental hygiene additional functions under section 139A(2)(d)(ii)(B):

Qualification, Institution and year	Additional function
Bachelor of Applied Health Science (Oral Health) Queensland from 2005 onwards	1. administration of dental local analgesia; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments.
Diploma of Dental Hygiene, Torrens Valley Institute from 1995 to 2003	2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Diploma of Dental Hygiene, Torrens Valley Institute 2004	1. administration of dental local analgesia; 2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Advanced Diploma of Oral Health (Dental Hygiene) TAFESA from 2005 onwards	1. administration of dental local analgesia; 2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Bachelor of Oral Health, Adelaide	1. administration of dental local analgesia; 2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Diploma of Oral Health Therapy (Dent Hyg) Melbourne from 1998 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. band sizing; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Diploma of Oral Health Therapy, Melbourne from 2000 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. administration of dental local analgesia; 2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation
Associate Degree in Dental Hygiene, Curtin from 1996 onwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. administration of dental local analgesia; 2. band sizing; 3. placement of archwire fixation; 4. removal of bands and attachments; 5. removal of archwires; 6. removal of archwire fixation

3. If accredited training institutions wish to offer formal courses of training in additional functions for dental auxiliaries whose existing qualifications did not include those additional functions, course outlines need to be submitted to the Board for approval under section 139A(2)(d)(ii)(B) of the Act.

When approved, these courses will be included in Schedule 2B of the Regulation.