

## **Guidelines for Obtaining Registration in Fiji as Dental Practitioner for People with Qualifications from Institutions Outside Fiji**

1. Applicants with qualifications obtained from accredited dental schools in Australia, New Zealand, UK, and Canada (English speaking states); do NOT necessarily need to sit for qualification exams.
2. Ability to communicate in high level of English must be determined. If needed, English exams to be conducted.
3. Medical fitness to practice must be established (specifically Hep B, Hep C, TB, & HIV status determined); psychiatric conditions and substance abuse declarations must be obtained.
4. Obtain police clearance, letters of good standing from all regulatory bodies governing all previous occupational activities and evidence of satisfactory performance in all past occupational activities.
5. Obtain all relevant documents outlining curriculum studied from the relevant institution, and determine if the course was relevant, of acceptable standard and of minimum 4 years in duration.
6. After considering the above, following are a number of options the council may then follow:
  - a) Ask applicant to sit for registration exams only.
  - b) Ask applicant to sit for registration exam followed by supervised clinical practice for a specified time only.
  - c) Ask the applicant to be supervised in clinical practice for a specified time only.
  - d) All applicants can only receive conditional registration initially and evidence of satisfactory performance during the period of conditional registration is a prerequisite for any consideration for full registration.
  - e) Supervision and monitoring of clinical competence and performance as stipulated above can only be undertaken by senior dental practitioners of good standing, working in accredited dental facility, and approve by the council.
7. The exams are to be conducted by the FNU, and would be in 2 parts:
  - a) PART 1- Written, VIVA VOCE and/or OSCE exam(s).
  - b) PART 2- Clinical exam.

Details of the examination process are outlined in a separate document and can be obtained from the secretariat of the council.
8. Practicing in a private dental facility in Fiji is only possible for applicants who have obtained at least 3 years of supervised satisfactory clinical experience after completing dental internship, and the facility identified for intended practice must be accredited by the council. The evidence of satisfactory clinical experienced obtained must be presented together with details of the supervisory authority.
9. The above guidelines may regularly be reviewed and necessary changes made from time to time as the council sees fit, so it is imperative that currency of this document is taken into account before utilization.