



ST. HELENA

CHAPTER 51

DENTISTS ORDINANCE and Subsidiary Legislation

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CHAPTER 51**DENTISTS ORDINANCE**

(Ordinances 12 of 1955 and 3 of 2001)

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN ST. HELENA.

Commencement

[2 November 1955]

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dentists Ordinance.

Definition of dentistry

2. For the purposes of this Ordinance and regulations made under this Ordinance the practice of dentistry includes the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice or attendance as is usually performed or given by dentists, and the performance of any operation and the giving of any treatment, advice or attendance in connection with the fitting, insertion or fixing of artificial teeth.

Establishment of Dental Board

3. (1) For the purposes of this Ordinance there shall be established a Board to be called the Dental Board.

(2) The Dental Board shall consist of—

- (a) The Chief Medical Officer,
- (b) The Dental Officer,
- (c) The Education Officer,
- (d) One other member to be appointed by the Governor.

Qualification for practise of dentistry

- 4.² (1) A person may practise dentistry in St. Helena if he or she —
- (a) is qualified to practise dentistry anywhere in the United Kingdom; or
 - (b) is qualified to practise dentistry in a place specified in regulations made under this Ordinance; and

is approved by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer, by Notice in the *Gazette* as qualified to practise dentistry.

(2) A person who is not qualified under subsection (1) shall not practise dentistry in St. Helena.

Penalty

5. Any person practising, or holding himself out as practising or as being prepared to practise, dentistry contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month in default of payment.

Certification of dental nurses

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the carrying out of procedures falling within the practice of dentistry, within the limits prescribed by regulations made under this Ordinance, by any person who is granted a certificate of competency in dental nursing or who is under training as a Dental Nurse.

Power to make Regulations

7. The Governor in Council may make regulations—
- (a) prescribing qualifications for the practice of dentistry in St. Helena;
 - (b) regulating the training of Dental Nurses and the conduct of examinations;
 - (c) regulating the grant of certificates of competency in dental nursing;
 - (d) as to the cancellation or suspension of any such certificate of competency;
 - (e) regulating the practice of Dental Nurses;
 - (f) generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

² Section 4 substituted by Ord. 3 of 2001

DENTAL NURSES REGULATIONS

(Legal Notices 18 of 1955, 22 of 1955 and 12 of 1959)

Short title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dental Nurses Regulations.

Examination of candidates

2. (1) The Dental Board may appoint a Committee to examine candidates for a certificate of competency in dental nursing which shall be called a Dental Nurses Certificate.

(2) No candidate shall be admitted to an examination unless he or she satisfies the Board—

- (a) that he or she has not less than two years' clinical experience in the simple dental operative techniques, and has received instruction in the administration of local anaesthesia;
- (b) that he or she has reached a sufficient standard of general education; and
- (c) that he or she is of good moral character.

(3) The examination shall consist of three parts—

- (a) written;
- (b) oral; and
- (c) practical.

(4) A candidate shall satisfy the Committee that he or she has a sound elementary knowledge of dental anatomy, physiology, pathology and pharmacology.

Grant of Dental Nurses Certificate

3. A candidate who has passed the examination mentioned in regulation 2 shall be granted a Dental Nurses Certificate in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

4. The Governor may at any time, on the recommendation of the Dental Board, and on being satisfied that a Dental Nurse has by reason of negligence, age or any other cause become unfit to practise, cancel or suspend the Dental Nurses Certificate.

Practice of Dental Nurses

5.³ (1) A Dental Nurse may execute simple fillings and extractions in deciduous or permanent dentitions, and scaling and prophylactic treatments, under the general supervision of a person qualified to practise dentistry and so practising in St. Helena or, in the absence of such a person, of the Chief Medical Officer.

(2) No Dental Nurse may undertake root involved compound fillings, or impacted extractions, or the diagnosis of diseases of the jaws and associated parts, or orthodontic treatment, or the fitting, insertion or fixing of artificial teeth, or the administration of any general anaesthetic, or except as directed by the Chief Medical Officer, of any local anaesthetic, or the interpretation of X-Ray films:

Provided that in exceptional circumstances and in the absence of a fully qualified dentist from St. Helena, the Chief Medical Officer may authorise the Dental Nurse to carry out

³ Regulation 5 amended by L.N. 22/1955 and 12/1959

such procedures, (excepting the administration of general anaesthesia or surgical operations) as he is satisfied the Dental Nurse is fully competent to perform.

SCHEDULE

DENTAL NURSES CERTIFICATE

Date St. Helena

We hereby certify that has been examined by us in accordance with the Dental Nurses Regulations, made under the Dentists Ordinance, and has satisfied us that he/she is competent to practise as a Dental Nurse in accordance with the provisions of the said Ordinance and subject to the said Regulations.

}	Chairman	}	of the Committee of Examiners.
	Members		

DENTISTS (QUALIFICATIONS) REGULATIONS, 2009 – SECTION 7

(Legal Notice 21 of 2009)

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dentists (Qualifications) Regulations, 2009.

Qualifications of Dentists

2. The places specified in the Schedule are hereby specified for the purposes of section 4(1)(b) of the Ordinance.

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