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DENTISTS ORDINANCE, 1955¹

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AN ORDINANCE to regulate the practice of dentistry in St Helena.

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Dentists Ordinance, 1955.

Definition of dentistry

2. For the purposes of this Ordinance and regulations made under it the practice

¹ Under section 10 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999 this text is authoritative and is the sole authentic edition in respect of the law contained in it as at 1 November 2017.

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 this section establishes a Board to be called the Dental Board.

- (2)** The Dental Board consists of—
- (a)* the Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director;
 - (b)* the Dental Officer;
 - (c)* the Education Officer; and
 - (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 the person is qualified to practise dentistry—

- (a)* anywhere in the United Kingdom; or
 - (b)* in a place specified in regulations made under this Ordinance; and
- is approved by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Senior Medical Officer, by Notice in the *Gazette* as qualified to practise dentistry.

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

Penalty

5. A person who practises, or holds himself or herself out as practising or as being prepared to practise, dentistry contrary to this Ordinance commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £20 or imprisonment for one month or both.

Certification of dental nurses

6. This Ordinance does not 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, as provided by regulations.

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;

² Section 4 corrected by Gazette Notice No. 53 of 27 March 2018

- (e) regulating the practice of dental nurses;
- (f) generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

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Citation

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dental Nurses Regulations, 1955.

Examination of candidates

2. (1) The Dental Board established by section 3 of the Ordinance may appoint a committee to examine candidates for a certificate of competency in dental nursing, to be called a Dental Nurses Certificate.

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

- (a) has not less than 2 years' clinical experience in the simple dental operative techniques, and has received instruction in the administration of local anaesthesia;
- (b) has reached a sufficient standard of general education; and
- (c) is of good moral character.

(3) The examination must consist of 3 parts—

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

(4) A candidate must 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 must be granted a Dental Nurses Certificate in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Cancellation or suspension of certificate

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. (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 Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director.

(2) Subject to sub-regulation (3), 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 Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director, of any local anaesthetic, or the interpretation of X-ray films.

(3) In exceptional circumstances and in the absence of a fully qualified dentist from St Helena, the Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director may authorise a dental nurse to carry out any procedures (excepting the administration of general anaesthesia or surgical operations) that the Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director is satisfied the dental nurse is fully competent to perform.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

DENTAL NURSES CERTIFICATE

Date

We hereby certify that has been examined by us in accordance with the Dental Nurses Regulations, 1955 made under the Dentists Ordinance, 1955 and has satisfied us that he/she is competent to practise as a dental nurse in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance and subject to the regulations.

Signed

Chair

Members of the Committee }
of Examiners.

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DENTISTS (QUALIFICATIONS) REGULATIONS, 2009
(Section 7)

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.

SCHEDULE
(Regulation 2)

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South Africa
