
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2005

PART 5

The Practice of Dentistry and Carrying on the Business of Dentistry

Amendment of section 37

34. In section 37 (definition of practice of dentistry)—

- (a) in subsection (1), for “For” substitute “Subject to subsection (1A), for”;
- (b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) For the purposes of this Act, the practice of dentistry shall be deemed not to include the performance of any medical task by a person who—

- (a) is qualified to carry out such a task; and
- (b) is a member of a profession regulated by a regulatory body (other than the Council) listed in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.”; and

(c) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Dental work to which subsection (2A) or (2B) applies shall not be treated for the purposes of this Act as amounting to the practice of dentistry if it is undertaken under the direct personal supervision of—

- (a) a registered dentist; or
- (b) a registered dental care professional of a kind authorised in rules under this section to carry out such supervision.

(2A) This subsection applies to dental work if it is undertaken—

- (a) by a person recognised by a dental authority as a student of dentistry or by a medical authority as a medical student; and
- (b) as part of a course of instruction or training approved by that authority for students of that kind or as part of an examination so approved.

(2B) This subsection applies to dental work if it is undertaken by a person as part of—

- (a) a course of instruction or training which he is following in order to qualify for registration in the dental care professionals register under a particular title or titles; or
- (b) an examination which he must pass in order to satisfy the requirements for registration in that register under a particular title or titles.”.