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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 3460**

**DENTISTS**

**The Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999**

*Made - - - - 16th December 1999*

*Laid before Parliament 2nd November 1999*

*Coming into force - - 1st January 2000*

Whereas a draft of these Regulations, approved by the Privy Council, has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament, pursuant to section 45(9) of the Dentists Act 1984<sup>(1)</sup>.

Now, therefore, the General Dental Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 45(1), (2)(b) and (7) of the Dentists Act 1984 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st January 2000.

**Amendment of the Dental Auxiliaries Regulations 1986**

2. The Dental Auxiliaries Regulations 1986<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

**Amendment of regulation 2**

3. In regulation 2 after “the entry is made.” insert—

“The Registrar may enter in such roll in respect of any person entitled to have his name entered therein details of any additional diplomas connected with dentistry held by that person, which have been approved by the Council for that purpose.”

**Amendment of regulation 4**

4.—(1) Regulation 4 (retention of names in a roll) shall be amended as follows:

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(1) 1984 c. 24.

(2) S.I. 1986/887, amended by S.I. 1991/1706 and 1996/2998.

- (2) In paragraph (1), for the words from “a signed” to “fee”, substitute “payment of the appropriate fee for retention of the name until 31st December in the next following year, together with sufficient information to identify the person in respect of whom the payment is made”.
- (3) For paragraph (2), substitute—
  - “(2) Not later than the 1st December in every year, the Registrar shall send to every person whose name is entered in a roll of dental auxiliaries notice of the fee payable for retention of name on that roll and a warning that failure to pay the fee will result in erasure, but failure to receive such a notice shall not itself constitute a ground for retention or restoration of a name.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 6**

- 5. In regulation 6 (fees prescribed by the General Dental Council)(3), for “£20.00” substitute “£25.00” and for “£5.00” substitute “£10.00”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 23**

- 6. In regulation 23 (dental hygienists), after paragraph (3) insert—
  - “(4) A dental hygienist shall be permitted to place a temporary dressing in a tooth, under the direction of a registered dentist, where a filling has fallen out during the course of dental work being carried out by the dental hygienist under the provisions of this regulation, provided that the dental hygienist—
    - (a) advises the patient to make an appointment with his dentist as soon as is reasonably practical after the dental work has taken place; and
    - (b) informs the patient’s dentist as soon as reasonably practical after it has taken place.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 27**

- 7. In regulation 27 (dental therapists), after paragraph (2) insert—
  - “(3) A dental therapist shall be permitted to place a temporary dressing in a tooth, under the direction of a registered dentist, where a filling has fallen out during the course of dental work being carried out by the dental therapist under the provisions of this regulation, provided that the dental therapist—
    - (a) advises the patient to make an appointment with his dentist as soon as is reasonably practical after the dental work has taken place:  
and
    - (b) informs the patient’s dentist as soon as is reasonably practical after it has taken place.”.

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(3) The fees in regulation 6 were substituted by S.I. [1996/2998](#), regulation 2.

The Common Seal of the General Dental Council was hereto affixed in the presence of

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*Nairn Wilson*  
President

The 16th day of December 1999

*Rosalind Hepplewhite*  
Registrar

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Dental Auxiliaries Regulations 1986 (S.I. [1986/887](#)).

Regulation 3 amends the regulations relating to the rolls of dental auxiliaries, permitting the registration of approved additional diplomas connected with dentistry.

Regulation 4 amends the annual procedure for notifying the Registrar of intention to remain on a roll of dental auxiliaries. There shall be no form provided to apply for retention of the name, but the Registrar will send notice of the appropriate fee.

Regulation 5 amends the fees which shall be payable for retention of a name in a roll from £20.00 to £25.00 and for restoration of a name to a roll from £5.00 to £10.00.

Regulations 6 and 7 extend the work permitted to be carried out by dental hygienists and dental therapists to enable them to place a temporary dressing in a tooth where a filling has fallen out while they are carrying out other treatment permitted by the Regulations. They must do so under the direction of a registered dentist, but do not need a written indication from a registered dentist that the temporary dressing is required provided that the dental auxiliary advises the patient to see his or her dentist as soon as possible and informs the patient's dentist as soon as possible after the treatment.