
**Third Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 31 of 1998

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54

[Assented to 26th October, 1998]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Dental Profession Short title
(Amendment) Act, 1998.

Interpretation
Chap. 29:54

Section 2 amended

2. In this Act, "the Act" means the Dental Profession Act.

3. Section 2 of the Act is amended—

(a) in the definition of "Council" delete from the words "elected by" to the end and substitute words "established under section 9 of the Act;" and

(b) by deleting the definition of "temporary registration";

(c) by deleting the definition of "diploma and substituting the following:

"diploma" means any diploma, degree, fellowship, membership, licence or certificate granted by—

(a) any university, college or other institution referred to in the Schedule; or

(b) any university, college or other institution conferring authority to practice dentistry in the county or place where granted and recognised by the Council as furnishing a sufficient guarantee of the possession of the requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of dentistry;"

(d) by inserting in appropriate alphabetical sequence the following definition:

"Minister" means the Minister for whom responsibility for Health is assigned;"

Section 5 amended

4. Section 5 of the Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

"(a) is the holder of a diploma from a University, College or other Institution referred to in the Schedule;" and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

“(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1)—

(a) a person who is the holder of a diploma from the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences Dental School is entitled to temporary registration; and

(b) a person who has registered under paragraph (a) is entitled to full registration upon presentation of a certificate from the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences Dental School certifying that he has successfully completed a one year period of vocational training.”.

5. The Act is amended by inserting after section 5 the following new section: Section 5A inserted

“Minister may
amend
Schedule

5A. (1) The Minister may by Order, after consultation with the Council, amend the Schedule by adding thereto or deleting therefrom any University, College or other Institution.

(2) An Order made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.”.

6. The Act is amended by deleting section 9 and substituting the following: Section 9 amended

“Composition
of Council

9. (1) The Board shall be managed by a Council which shall consist of—

(a) a Chairman who shall be President of the Board;

(b) a Vice-Chairman who shall be Vice-President of the Board;

- (c) a Secretary who shall be Secretary of the Board;
- (d) a Treasurer who shall be Treasurer of the Board;
- (e) two other members;
- (f) two members appointed by the Minister of Health, one of whom shall be the Dentist holding the most senior dental post in the Ministry of Health, the other, a lay person to represent the general interests of the public;
- (g) two members appointed by and from the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences Dental School who shall be dentists other than those who hold temporary registration.

(2) The members referred to in subsection (1)(a) to (e) shall be elected by and from among members of the Board who are dentists other than those who hold temporary registration.

(3) At the conduct of any meetings of the Council there shall be a quorum of five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed under paragraph (g) and at least one of whom shall be a member appointed under paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d)."

Section 10
amended

7. The Act is amended by inserting after section 10 the following new clause:

"New Council
to be elected

10A. (1) Within one month of the coming into operation of the Dental Profession (Amendment) Act, 1998 the Chairman of the Council shall convene in accordance with this Act a general meeting of the Board for the purpose of electing a new Council.

(2) Members of the Council established under the Act and holding office at the commencement of the Dental Profession (Amendment) Act, 1998 shall continue to hold office until the election of the new council in accordance with subsection (1).

(3) Where within one month a general meeting is not convened in accordance with subsection (1) and notwithstanding section 9 the Minister shall appoint an Interim Council consisting of—

- (a) three dentists one of whom shall be the dentist holding the most senior dental post in the Ministry of Health;
- (b) a lay person;
- (c) a member of the Council established under the Act and holding office at the commencement of the Dental Profession (Amendment) Act, 1998 other than a person appointed under paragraph (a).

(4) The Interim Council shall within one month of appointment convene a general meeting of the Board to elect a new Council under the Act.”

8. Section 12 of the Act is amended—

Section 12 amended

- (a) paragraph (a) by inserting after the word “enrolment” the words “except applicants entitled to registration under section 5(1)(a).”.

9. The Act is amended by inserting after section 45 the following new section:

Section 46 inserted

“Minister may
review curric-
ulum of
Dental School

46. The Minister shall within two years of the commencement of the Dental Profession (Amendment) Act, 1998 and at least once every five years thereafter, review, in collaboration with the Council the curriculum and training programme of the University of the West Indies Faculty

of Medical Sciences Dental School and make recommendations thereon to the Council of the University of the West Indies.”.

Schedule inserted

10. The Act is amended by inserting after section 46 the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE

LIST OF DENTAL SCHOOLS

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences—
Dental School

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA—*University of, School of Dentistry*
 BAYLOR—*College of Dentistry*
 BOSTON—*University, Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate
Dentistry*
 CALIFORNIA—*University of, Los Angeles School of Dentistry*
 CALIFORNIA—*University of, San Francisco School of Dentistry*
 CASE WESTERN RESERVE—*University School of Dentistry*
 COLORADO—*University of, School of Dentistry*
 COLUMBIA—*University of, School of Dental and Oral Surgery*
 CONNECTICUT—*University of, School of Dental Medicine*
 CREIGHTON—*University, Boyne School of Dental Science*
 DETROIT—*University of, School of Dentistry*
 EMORY—*University School of Dentistry*
 FAIRLEIGH DICKENSON—*University School of Dentistry*
 FLORIDA—*University of, College of Dentistry*
 GEORGETOWN—*University School of Dentistry*
 GEORGIA—*Medical College of, School of Dentistry*
 HARVARD—*School of Dental Medicine*
 HOWARD—*University College of Dentistry*
 ILLINOIS—*University of, College of Dentistry*
 INDIANA—*University School of Dentistry*
 IOWA—*University of, College of Dentistry*
 KENTUCKY—*University of, College of Dentistry*
 LOMA LINDA—*University School of Dentistry*

- LOUISIANA STATE—*University School of Dentistry*
LOUISVILLE—*University of, School of Dentistry*
LOYOLA—*University of, Chicago School of Dentistry*
MARQUETTE—*University School of Dentistry*
MARYLAND—*University of, at Baltimore, Baltimore College of
Dental Surgery, Dental School*
MEHARRY—*Medical College School of Dentistry*
MICHIGAN—*The University of, School of Dentistry*
MINNESOTA—*University of, School of Dentistry*
MISSISSIPPI—*University of, School of Dentistry*
MISSOURI—*University of Kansas City, School of Dentistry*
NEBRASKA—*University of, Lincoln College of Dentistry*
NEW JERSEY—*College of Medicine and Dentistry of, New Jersey
Dental School*
NEW YORK—*University College of Dentistry*
NEW YORK AT BUFFALO—*State University of, School of Dentistry*
NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK—*State University of, School of
Dentistry*
NORTH CAROLINA—*University of, School of Dentistry*
NORTHWESTERN—*University Dental School*
OHIO STATE—*University of, School of Dentistry*
OKLAHOMA—*University of, School of Dentistry*
ORAL ROBERTS—*University of, School of Dentistry*
OREGON—*University of, School of Dentistry*
PACIFIC—*University of, School of Dentistry*
PENNSYLVANIA—*University of, School of Dental Medicine*
PITTSBURGH—*University of, School of Dental Medicine*
PUERTO RICO—*University of, School of Dentistry*
SOUTH CAROLINA—*Medical University of, College of Dental
Medicine*
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—*University of, School of Dentistry*
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—*University at Edwardsville School of Dental
Medicine*
TEMPLE—*University School of Dentistry*
TENNESSEE—*University of, School of Dentistry*
TEXAS—*University of, Health Science Centre at Houston, Dental
Branch*
TEXAS—*University of, Dental School at San Antonio*
TUFTS—*University of, School of Dental Medicine*

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH—*University School of Dentistry*
WASHINGTON—*University School of Dental Medicine*
WASHINGTON—*University of, School of Dentistry*
WEST VIRGINIA—*University School of Dentistry*

CANADA

ALBERTA—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
BRITISH COLUMBIA—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
DALHOUSIE—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
LAVAL—*Universite Ecole de Medicine Dentaire*
MANITOBA—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
MCGILL—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
MONTREAL—*Universite de, Faculte de Medicine Dentaire*
SASKATCHEWAN—*University of, College of Dentistry*
TORONTO—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*
WESTERN ONTARIO—*University of, Faculty of Dentistry*

UNITED KINGDOM

The School of Dentistry
The Queens University
Grosvenor Road, BELFAST BT12 6BP

The Dental School
St. Chad's Queensway, BIRMINGHAM, B4 6NN

The Dental School
Lower Maudlin Street, BRISTOL BS1 2LY

The Dental School
Welsh National School of Medicine
Heath, CARDIFF CF4 4XY .

The Dental School and Hospital
University of Dundee
2 Park Place, DUNDEE DD1 4HR

The School of Dental Surgery
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EDINBURGH EH1 1JA

The Dental Hospital and School
378, Sauchiehall Street, GLASGOW G3 3JZ

The Dental School and Hospital
Blundell Street, LEEDS LS1 3ET

The School of Dental Surgery
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The Dental School
Guy's Hospital
London Bridge, LONDON SE1 9RT

King's College Hospital
Dental School
Denmark Hill, LONDON SE5 9RS

The Dental School
London Hospital Medical College
Turner Street, LONDON E1 2AD

Royal Dental Hospital School
Of Dental Surgery
Leicester Square, LONDON WC2H 7LJ

University College Hospital
Dental School
Mortimer Market, LONDON WC1E 6JD

Turner Dental School
Bridgeford Street
MANCHESTER, M15 6FH

The Dental School
Northumberland Road
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE1 8TA

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Charles Clifford Dental Hospital
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Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day of August, 1998.

D. DOLLY

Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 22nd day of September, 1998.

N. COX

Clerk of the Senate

Senate amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives this 24th day of September, 1998.

D. DOLLY

Acting Clerk of the House