Restorations to the Register to assist with the National Pandemic Effort

The Department of Health are preparing emergency legislation to fast-track certain former registrants on the registers of all health care professions. The drafting is at an advanced stage and the key points that apply in dentistry are:

- Only those who were previously registered and who resigned from the register can apply under this provision. Those who were erased for non-payment or for fitness to practice matters are excluded.
- This class will be known as ‘Section 69 Registrations’
- Those who have been out of practice for more than 2 years are excluded from engaging in the practice of dentistry.
- No fee is to be charged and letters of good standing, should they be required, will be sought after registration. A declaration will be sought from applicants. Providing false information will be a reason for terminating the registration.
- The provisions of Section 32(4) of the Dentists Act, 1985 whereby the Dental Council may refused to restore the name of a registrant on the grounds of their unfitness to practise dentistry will still apply
- It will apply until 31 July 2020, but the date may be extended by ministerial regulation.

Further information will be posted on our website once the legislation has been enacted.

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