

Joint Australian Dental Council/Dental Council (New Zealand) Accreditation Committee

- Criteria for appointment of members -

The ADC/DC(NZ) expects Accreditation Committee members to:

- be able to make consistent and unbiased judgments
- support the concept of professional accreditation, and be willing to contribute to the continuous improvement of the process
- be familiar with the ADC/DC(NZ) joint accreditation process and the Accreditation Standards
- support innovation and evolution in dental education and practice
- be able to work cooperatively
- be able to communicate effectively
- maintain strict confidentiality regarding information which forms part of the accreditation review process

Community Representative

The community representative will have a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of dental programs and graduates and willingness to apply their experience as a healthcare consumer when discharging their responsibilities on the Accreditation Committee.

The following criteria will be applied when appointing a community representative to the Accreditation Committee:

- Capacity to demonstrate impartiality, open-mindedness, sound judgment, and fairness.
- Appreciation of the need for quality and consistency in decision making.
- Appreciation of the role of the Accreditation Committee from the community's perspective.
- Understanding of the health sector broadly and how accreditation relates to it.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work cooperatively within a team.
- Previous board, tribunal, panel hearings, committees and/or senior management experience would be an advantage.
- Tertiary qualifications or involvement with the tertiary education sector would be an advantage.

A community representative must not at any time have been registered as a dentist or oral health practitioner or have a direct professional involvement with the clinical practice of dentistry/oral health.

Dental Academic Member

The dental academic member will have a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of dental programs and graduates and willingness to apply their experience and knowledge as a senior dental academic when discharging their responsibilities on the Accreditation Committee.

The following criteria will be applied when appointing a senior academic to the Accreditation Committee:

- Significant experience working as an academic in the dental health sector, including in senior teaching roles.
- Person of professional good standing in the academic community.
- Capacity to demonstrate impartiality, open-mindedness, sound judgment, and fairness.
- Appreciation of the need for quality and consistency in decision making.

- Appreciation of the role of the Accreditation Committee from a program provider and educator perspective.
- Understanding of the dental health sector, broader health issues and how accreditation relates to them.
- The capacity to apply to program accreditation expert knowledge of dental research and of contemporary pedagogical practice in teaching dental programs.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work cooperatively within a team.
- Previous higher education board experience, committees and/or senior management experience would be an advantage.

Dental Practitioner Member

The dental practitioner member will have a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of dental programs and graduates and a willingness to apply their experience and knowledge as a dental practitioner when discharging their responsibilities on the Accreditation Committee.

The following criteria will be applied when appointing a dental practitioner to the Accreditation Committee:

- At least three years' experience as a dental health practitioner.
- Person of professional good standing and without prior disciplinary restrictions on practice.
- Capacity to be impartial, open-minded, apply sound judgment, and fairness.
- Appreciation of the need for quality and consistency in decision making.
- Support of the role of the Accreditation Committee from a practitioner's perspective.
- Understanding of the dental health sector, broader health issues and how accreditation relates to them.
- The capacity to apply expert knowledge of dental practice to program accreditation.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work cooperatively within a team.
- Previous board, tribunal, panel hearings, committees and/or senior management experience would be an advantage.

The Dental Practitioner member on the Accreditation Committee must have current registration.

Dental Student Representative

The dental student representative will have a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of dental programs and graduates and a willingness to apply their experience as a dental student when discharging their responsibilities on the Accreditation Committee.

The following criteria will be applied when appointing a dental student representative to the Accreditation Committee:

- Must be in the final year of a dental practitioner program.
- Capacity to demonstrate impartiality, open-mindedness, sound judgment, and fairness.
- Appreciation of the need for quality and consistency in decision making.
- Appreciation of the role of the Accreditation Committee from a student's perspective.
- Capacity to apply knowledge gained from their experience as a dental student to program accreditation.
- Understanding of the public dental sector, broader public health issues and how accreditation relates to them.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work cooperatively within a team.

- Previous experience on student representative committees or in student associations would be an advantage.

Public Sector Dental Practitioner Member

The public sector dental practitioner member will have a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of dental programs and graduates and a willingness to apply their experience and knowledge as a public sector dental practitioner when discharging their responsibilities on the Accreditation Committee.

The following criteria will be applied when appointing a dental practitioner to the Accreditation Committee: Person of professional good standing and without prior disciplinary restrictions on practice.

- Capacity to be impartial, open-minded, apply sound judgment, and fairness.
- Appreciation of the need for quality and consistency in decision making.
- Support of the role of the Accreditation Committee from a practitioner's perspective.
- Understanding of the dental health sector, broader health issues and how accreditation relates to them.
- The capacity to apply insights into government planning and directions and an understanding of allied health team interactions and the necessity to prepare graduates to take their place within a health team.
- Good working knowledge and understanding of accountability relationships.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to work cooperatively within a team.
- Previous board, tribunal, panel hearings, committees and/or senior management experience would be an advantage.

The public sector dental practitioner member on the Accreditation Committee must have current registration.

Exclusions

A person is not eligible to be a member of the Accreditation Committee if they have at any time –

- (a) ceased to be a dental practitioner, or a registered dental practitioner with a condition on their scope of practice as a result of misconduct, impairment, or incompetence (in the case of Dental Practitioner); or
- (b) been found guilty of an offence that, in the opinion of the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee, renders the person unfit to be a member of the Committee.