

Attention: Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee.
Profession; Dental Technicians

I submit that there is no public gain in the registration of Dental Technicians.

Reasons:

*Technicians work to the prescription of the clinical practitioner [dentist, dental prosthetist, dental therapist].

* They have effectively no clinical contact with the patient. Their opinion on issues such as a shade or shape may be sought by the clinician, but not often.

* The clinician is responsible for the patient's treatment even though some of the technical work is not done by them, the clinician is responsible for the outcome.

*The products used in the technical process should be accredited through TGA where required, and the clinician takes responsibility that the technician uses registered, compliant materials, devices and equipment.

Yours sincerely

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