

## Understanding Informed Consent in Dental Technology Practice

As part of CDTA's ongoing commitment to public protection and professional excellence, we're highlighting the importance of **informed consent** in dental technology. This key aspect of ethical practice supports patient autonomy and professional accountability, especially for those with restricted activities authorization.

**Learn more about informed consent and your responsibilities as a regulated member** by reviewing our latest resource:

Read the full article here.

# **Disciplinary Agreement & Undertaking**

As part of its role, the CDTA receives and investigates complaints regarding the conduct of RDTs and DTs. These investigations may be resolved through a hearing tribunal or alternative complaint resolution.

We recently held a hearing regarding the conduct of one regulated member, a summary of the Hearing Tribunal Decision is available <u>here.</u>

#### **Upcoming Continuing Competence Audits**

This summer, the CDTA will be conducting routine **Continuing Competence audits**. A percentage of regulated members will be randomly selected, with some selected for targeted audits based on previous conduct, late or incomplete submissions.

If your professional development records are up to date in the member portal **NO ACTION IS REQUIRED**. You can prepare for the audit by uploaded your continuing competence records into your member portal. A guide is available <a href="here.">here.</a>

Members **will only be contacted** if documentation is missing, or additional information is needed.

Failure to comply with audit requests may result in fines, suspension of your practice permit, or referral to the Complaints Director.



Regulated members are responsible to ensure that all learning activities are reported in the CDTA portal within 90 days of completion.

For full audit rules and details, visit the website here.

## **Council Meeting Highlights**

Since our last update, the Council met twice for regular meetings on February 10,2025, and April 28, 2025.

You can access a summary of the Council activities here.

### **Council Schedule Update**

At its April 28th meeting, the Council of the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (CDTA) reviewed the 2025 Nomination and Election Committee report which included recommendations regarding the participation of regulated members on the CDTA Council.

These insights are an important part of shaping inclusive and effective governance, and we're pleased to share two key steps taken in response:

#### 1. More Accessible Meeting Times

To encourage greater involvement, especially from working professionals, regular Council meetings in 2025 will now take place **in the evenings** rather than during business hours. This change is designed to make Council participation more accessible to registrants at all stages of their careers.

View the updated schedule here: <a href="mailto:cdta.ca/about-cdta/council">cdta.ca/about-cdta/council</a>

#### 2. Compensation Improvements Under Review

The Council is also reviewing enhancements to its current honorarium structure to ensure Councillors are fairly compensated when attending meetings that may require time away from their primary employment. These potential improvements aim to remove barriers and support broader, more diverse participation.

While no changes to compensation will occur in 2025 as the budget is already finalized, **adjustments may take effect in 2026.**