

For attention of Dental Doctors

It is informed that no one should practice dentistry without obtaining Dental Council registration and if such a practice is noticed, a complaint should be submitted to the Kerala Dental Council and upon enquiry if it is found that the practice was conducted without obtaining registration, criminal procedures will be taken against them. Since it is the duty of every citizen to protect the healthcare sector from fake doctors, the Council makes it clear that if any such unethical activities are noted, everyone including the general public should inform the Council. The names and details of registered dental surgeons are available on the website, www.dentalcouncil.kerala.gov.in

Based on several complaints received about dentists and dental clinic owners indulging in unethical promotions through audio, visual and print media including social media, it is informed that all registered dentists are required to precisely follow the stipulations in the Dentists Regulations (Code of Ethics) 2014 and appropriate punitive action including removal of names from the Council register will be taken against everyone who violates it and in establishments run by corporate, if they are to indulge in unethical activities including advertisements, disciplinary action will be taken against registered dental surgeons employed there on the assumption that they are also associates in this and so it is informed that every dentist should ensure that the institutions in which they are employed do not act against ethics.

Dentists should display only qualifications that are registered. Since it is illegal to affix unauthorized qualifications like RDP, MIDA, FIED, MICD, FACD, MRSH, FAGE etc., to names, those who indulge in such unethical acts will also have to undergo punishment as instructed in section 41 of the Dentists Act. The copy of the Dentists Regulations (Code of Ethics) 2014 is available on the website. All dentists should understand it clearly and follow the regulations precisely.

Conducting courses or trainings that are not approved by the Dental Council of India is illegal and those who conduct such courses or trainings for dentists against the law, will have to undergo penal measures as stipulated by sections 51 and 52 of the Dentists Act 1948. Hence, if it is convinced that such unauthorized courses or trainings are being conducted for dentists, criminal proceedings will be initiated against them. Certificates obtained from unauthorized institutions will not be considered as recognized qualification for registration or employment and criminal proceedings and disciplinary action will be taken against those who use such certificates. Therefore it is mandatory for all dental doctors to follow the stipulations of the Dentists Act of 1948 and the Dentists Regulations (Code of Ethics) of 2014 issued under it.



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