

DENTAL COUNCIL OF CAMBODIA (DCC)

1 Introduction

Generally, dentists play important roles in relieving and addressing problems related to oral health care, the chewing and the aesthetic for their people that are indispensable. To achieve these objectives, dentists must practice based on scientific evidence and abide by codes of ethics. In this regard, effective management and capacity building are necessary in order to build more confidence to domestic and international patients for dental care services, develop the economy and reduce poverty in accordance with the Royal Government of Cambodia's Rectangular Strategies.

2. Causes and purposes of the establishment of the DCC

Abide by the Law number 1100/10 dated on the 3rd November 2000 about the effective control of private sectors in medical, paramedical, and medical assistants; socio-economic development in the new millennium of the regional globalization and for the regulation of the practitioners in the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Dental Council of Cambodia was founded in accordance with the Royal Sub-decree number 0905/396, dated on the 2nd September 2005.

The main purposes of the DCC are as the following:

* To gather and control all the dentists who have healthy physical conditions to enable practice in the Kingdom of Cambodia

* To uphold moral and dental ethics

* To enhance dignity and integrity in daily dental practice

* To improve the quality and effectiveness of the treatment of dentists

* To promote the Dental field in the kingdom of Cambodia to be as advanced as the industrialized countries through the gatherings, management, and development of the profession.

3. Visions

The Dental Council of Cambodia is the only professional Regulatory Authority that has been established to mobilize dentists nationwide to develop national competence to national and international standard to promote development and reduce poverty.

4. Missions

The main duties of Dental Council of Cambodia are:

* To observe and control (watch closely) the conduct of ethical, honest and devoted principles in practicing dentistry in an effective and sustainable way

* To guard the routine implementation of all the members for their duties and to abide by all the sub-decrees and bylaws of the DCC

* To ensure to protect the honor and prestige of the Dental profession

* To apply disciplines for dentists who provide mal-practices

5. Benefits to becoming members of DCC

* Obtain full protection from the Dental Councils of Capital City, Regional, and Provincial Bodies.

* Attain legal rights to practice dentistry in the Kingdom of Cambodia

* Attain legal rights to request permission to set up dental cabinet or dental clinic in the Kingdom of Cambodia

* Gain professional development and capacity building.

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