



# College Update

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## Message from the Acting Registrar

Dear Registered Denturists and Stakeholders,

Happy New Years!

As you may all know, our beloved Registrar, Dr Glenn Pettifer has recently transitioned into his new role as Registrar and CEO of the CDHO, our close regulatory partner. Dr. Pettifer leaves behind a legacy of working collaboratively with the membership, bringing stability to the College, and creating a culture of transparent sensible decision-making processes.

On behalf of Council and the membership, we want to sincerely wish him all the best in his new role and for serving the College so graciously over the past 6 years.

As Acting Registrar and CEO, it is incumbent that we continue the stability and steady hands that have guided the College since Dr. Pettifer first joined. Never in the history of this organization has the operations arm and governance arm worked so closely hand in hand in achieving our goals of protecting the public.

Much credit is due to our experienced Madam President, Ms. Kris Bailey, members of our Executive Committee and our governing Council for its strategic guidance. But of course, the bedrock comes from the immense contributions and commitment Registered Denturists have to our public protection mandate.

I witness on a daily basis the friendliness and professionalism of Denturists across Ontario. Simply put, it is a wonderful profession who gives back to their communities, gladly volunteers their time to not only assist the College, but in helping Ontarians of all backgrounds meet their Denturism needs regardless of their financial status.



Finally, the College understands the continued difficulties the profession faces as we continue to endure the pandemic. The College Council at its last meeting in December agreed to extend a one-time 35% reduction in membership fees for the upcoming 2022-2023 renewal year in recognition of these challenges. More information can be found below.

My very best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Years, to ensuring Denturism has a continued voice as part of the oral health care team, and to continually serve and protect the public.

Sincerely,

Roderick Tom-Ying  
Acting Registrar & CEO

### Reduction of Annual Renewal Fees

At its December 10, 2021 meeting, the Council of the College approved a one-time 35% reduction in the Certificate of Registration fee for renewing and new Denturists for the 2022-2023 renewal year (this upcoming renewal year). The total registration renewal fee will be \$1235.00 plus \$160.55 HST = \$1395.55. The option to pay in two installments will remain for this renewal year.

The motion to support this reduction in the Certificate of Registration fee was adopted by Council in recognition that the livelihood of all Registered Denturists continues to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the clinical modifications required in light of the Omicron variant. It strikes a balance between fiscal responsibility while providing required relief to the membership.

The reduction in fees will be supported by the College's reserve funds. The College will make a formal announcement regarding the renewal deadlines, fees, and payment schedule (installments) closer to March 1st when the renewal period begins.

I wanted to share with you this announcement prior to the launch of renewal on March 1. Please pencil in your calendars a reminder of this time period if you anticipate being away or have no access to a computer during March or April in order to avoid late fees.

**Certificate of Registration Renewal Period – March 1, 2022 – April 14, 2022. Online renewal opens March 1, 2022.**



## In Case You Missed It - COVID-19 Update - Revised Directive #1 for Health Care Providers

Due to the rapidly increasing daily case counts of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in Ontario, the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) has updated Directive #1 for Health Care Providers and Health Care Entities.

The CMOH has issued the following revised guidance:

- A point-of-care risk assessment (PCRA) must be performed by every health care worker before every patient interaction. This represents routine practice for Registered Denturists.
- Health care workers providing direct care or interacting with a **suspected, probable, or confirmed** cases of COVID-19 are to use a fit-tested, seal-checked N95 respirator (or approved equivalent), eye protection (goggles or face shield), gown and gloves. While Registered Denturists do not routinely treat patients with suspected, probable, or confirmed cases of COVID-19, they must conduct a point of care risk assessment to determine the use of PPE. If they believe the patient is **suspected** with COVID-19, and no other treatment options are available other than in-person care (e.g. rescheduling appointment), Registered Denturists are now advised to use N95 respirators if they have been fit tested.
- Registered Denturists and their staff who are not yet fit-tested for an N95 respirator must don a well-fitted surgical mask, a KN95 respirator, or a non-fit-tested N95 respirator ([or the equivalent, as approved by Health Canada](#)).
- **Registered Denturists who have not yet been fit tested before must now make reasonable efforts to obtain fit-testing at the earliest opportunity.**
- If a Registered Denturist works in a multi-disciplinary environment with other oral health professionals, they should be familiar with the guidelines under which their colleagues provide care and should work collaboratively with other oral health professionals to establish common IPAC protocols, as far as possible. This may require the use of the highest level of PPE stipulated by any of the regulatory guidelines.

Registered Denturists must continue with the routine IPAC protocols found in the College's [IPAC guidelines](#), and additional precautions found in the College's [Additional Precautions](#) during COVID-19 guidelines.

Click [here](#) to read Directive #1 for Health Care Providers and Health Care Entities.

Click [here](#) to view the FAQs that accompany this directive.

## Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the College of Denturists of Ontario at [info@denturists-cdo.com](mailto:info@denturists-cdo.com).



## Stay Informed

### COVID-19 Updates and Resources

The College routinely updates the COVID-19 resources page on a daily basis with the latest relevant information pertaining to Registered Denturist. This is a reminder to bookmark the COVID-19 resources page, and to check the webpage often.

Click [here](#) for the webpage.



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