



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR  
**COLLEGE OF  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS** INC.

Policy Title: **Reentry to Practice**

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**Overview:**

To provide public protection and promote professional development and quality service, the Health Professionals Act, SNL 2010, c.H-1.02 requires that all applicants applying to register as Dental Hygienist's with the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals (NLCHP) abide by regulations, by-laws, and policies outlined by NLCHP and the the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dental Hygienists.

**Policy:**

The re entry requirements to practice require a dental hygienist to complete 1500 hours preceding 4 years of graduation. This is designed to ensure that a registrant's knowledge base, skill and professional networks are current and reflect the basic standard of practice. Applicants applying to register, or renew their registration, as a dental hygienist will be required to meet the necessary requirements.

**Procedure:**

**When applicant has > 75% of required hours**

- a) They will be required to complete an extra 30 continuing education hours in one year
- b) The Applicant must show proof of reviewing standards of practice, scope of practice and code of ethics

c) Complete PHIA course online

**OR**

d) Complete a refresher course approved by the College

**When applicant has <75% of required hours - Applicant cannot practice until a or b is complete.**

a) Applicant must complete a refresher course approved by the College

**OR**

b) Rewrite the National Dental hygiene Certification Exam