



# KERALA DENTAL COUNCIL

#### Vision, Mission, Objectives

To regulate the profession of dentistry.

Provide Registration and related Services to Dental professionals and take disciplinary action against Dental professionals in case of professional misconduct.

Governing Body

- Council President
  Dr. Santhosh Thomas
- Vice President Dr. Arun R
- Secretary (Registrar)
  Smt. Sreekala T R
- Members (12)

Council Office

- · Registrar (Head of the office)
- · Office staff



Kerala Dental Council is a statutory body functioning under the Kerala State Health Department. It is constituted under Section 21 of the Dentists Act, 1948 (Central Act 16 of 1948) to regulate the profession and practice of Dentistry in the state. Kerala Dental Council started functioning in the year 1965. It is mandatory to register in the Council for Dentists and Dental Auxiliaries viz. Dental Mechanics, Dental Hygienists and Dental Operating Room Assistants to perform procedures as outlined in the Dentists Act. Kerala Dental Council consists of 14 members - 3 nominated members, 4 elected members, 1 member from Kerala State Medical Council, Principals of Government Dental colleges and Director of Health Services as Ex-officio members. Registrar of the Council is the head of office and Secretary to Council.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- Provisional registration of Dentists
- Registration of Dentists, Dental Mechanics, Dental Hygienists and Dental Operating Room Assistants
- Renewal of registration
- Issuance of Registration, Renewal certificates and Identity Cards
- Issuance of Good standing certificate and NOC
- Approval of CDE programs and allotment of Credit points
- Provide fund to Government institutions to conduct CDE programs if required
- Verification of certificates issued by the Council for various purposes
- Disciplinary action against Dental professionals in case of professional misconduct

#### Achievements and performance related work

- Best Dentist Award for the contribution in the profession of dentistry
- Life time Achievement Award for the contribution in the profession of dentistry

### **Future Roadmaps**

 A software is being developed to manage all activites related to Registration and other services offered by the Council. The launching of the same will be in near future.

#### **Kerala Dental Council**

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