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PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare proposes to finalise National Dental Commission Bill for setting up a National Dental Commission and repealing the Dentists Act, 1948. Accordingly, a draft National Dental Commission Bill is prepared and attached for comments of the General Public/Stakeholders. Comments may be furnished via e-mail at v.jha1972@gov.in on or before 20.02.2020 .

Encl: As above.


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Draft National Dental Commission Bill, 2020

	THE NATIONAL DENTAL COMMISSION BILL, 2020	
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	to provide for a dental education system that improves access to quality and affordable dental education, ensures availability of adequate and high quality dental professionals in all parts of the country; that promotes equitable and universal oral healthcare that encourages community health perspective and makes services of dental professionals accessible to all the citizens; that promotes national health goals; that encourages dental professionals to adopt latest dental research in their work and to contribute to research; that has an objective periodic and transparent assessment of dental institutions and facilitates maintenance of a dental register for India and enforces high ethical standards in all aspects of dental services; that is flexible to adapt to changing needs and has an effective grievance redressal mechanism and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.	
	CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY	
	1. (1) This Act may be called the National Dental Commission Act, 2020.	Short title, extent and commencement.
	(2) It extends to the whole of India.	
	(3) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint, and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Act and any reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Act shall be construed as a reference to the coming into force of that provision.	
	2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—	Definitions.
	(a) “Autonomous Board” means any of the Autonomous Boards constituted under section 16;	
	(b) “Chairperson” means the Chairperson of the National Dental Commission appointed under section 5;	
	(c) “Commission” means the National Dental Commission constituted under section 3;	
	(d) “Council” means the Dental Advisory Council constituted under section 11;	
	(e) “Ethics and Dental Registration Board” means the Board constituted under section 16;	
	(f) “Health University” means a University specialised in affiliating institutions engaged in teaching dentistry and health sciences and includes a dental University and University of health	

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	sciences;	
	(g) “licence” means a licence to practice dentistry granted under sub-section (1) of section 33;	
	(h) “Dental Assessment and Rating Board” means the Board constituted under section 16;	
	(i) “dental institution” means any institution within or outside India which, grants degrees, diplomas or licences in dentistry and includes affiliated colleges and deemed to be Universities;	
	(j) “dentist” means a person who practises dentistry;	
	(k) “dentistry” includes— (i) the performance of any operation on, and the treatment on any disease, deficiency or lesion of, human teeth or jaw or orofacial hard and soft tissues and associated structures; and the performance of other diagnostic tools/investigations in connection with human teeth or jaws or the oral cavity; (ii) Measures for prevention of diseases of oral cavity and associated structures and promotion of oral health including tobacco cessation; (iii) the giving of any anesthetic in connection with any such operation or treatment; excluding general anaesthesia; (iv) the performance of any operation on, or the giving of any treatment, advice or attendance to, any person preparatory to, or for the purpose of, or in connection with restoration, reconstruction and rehabilitation of teeth, jaws, orofacial tissue and associated structures, the fitting, inserting, fixing, constructing, repairing or renewing of artificial dentures or restorative dental appliances, and the performance of any such operation and the giving of any such treatment, advice or attendance, as is usually performed or given by dentists; (v) Knowledge related to performance of mastication, phonation and deglutition. ;	
	(l) “Member” means a Member of the Commission appointed under section 5 and includes the Chairperson thereof;	
21 of 1860.	(m) “National Board of Examination” means the body registered as such under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and performs such tasks as assigned to it by the Central Government;	
	(n) “National Register” means a National Dental Register maintained by the Ethics and Dental Registration Board under section 31;	
	(o) “notification” means notification published in the Official Gazette and the expression “notify” shall be construed accordingly;	