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New guidance for employers on trainee nurses and technicians

The General Dental Council has new guidance in place for anyone employing trainee dental nurses or dental technicians.

The previous guidance in this area was put in place during the transitional period for dental care professionals – meaning they could register with the GDC without having a formal qualification. This ran from 31 July 2006 to 30 August 2008.

Since then what was meant by the term “in-training” has been reviewed and new guidance has now been agreed.

Anyone employing trainee or student dental nurses or dental technicians should make themselves familiar with it.

The guidance contains a number of key points, including what defines a student/trainee dental nurse or dental technician:

They are either:

1. Employed and enrolled or waiting to start on a recognised programme that will lead to GDC registration; or
2. Studying on a recognised programme that leads directly to GDC registration.

The full guidance document can be found on the GDC website: <http://www.gdc-uk.org/dentalprofessionals/education/pages/dcpsintraining.aspx>

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