

## ADIA Policy Statement –

<b>Policy</b>	<b>P1 – Dental Professionals (Registration)</b>
<b>Statement</b>	That dental professionals who interact directly with patients and are responsible for the direct delivery of dental and oral healthcare services should be registered by government. Policy on matters associated with scope of practise, registration standards and professional conduct are the responsibility of the relevant association for each profession.
<b>Principles</b>	ADIA supports the position of government that registration of professionals is desirable to protect the public. As ADIA is an organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers but not professionals, it is not for ADIA to determine policy on behalf of professional bodies.
<b>Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Since 2010 there has been national registration of dental professionals by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) that operates under the auspices of the Australian Healthcare Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).</li> <li>▪ The DBA currently registers dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists.</li> <li>▪ The DBA does not register dental assistants; however, based upon this policy statement this is something that ADIA believes merits review.</li> <li>▪ The DBA does not register dental technicians and this is supported by ADIA in the context of this policy statement. Dental technicians are viewed as playing an important role in the manufacturing of custom-made medical devices rather than being responsible for the direct delivery of dental and oral healthcare).</li> <li>▪ Each of the professional groups has a representative body (e.g. Australian Dental Association, Australian Dental &amp; Oral Health Therapists Association, et cetera) that operates at a state / territory and / or national level. As a general rule, these organisations have individuals as members.</li> <li>▪ ADIA is a business organisation representing manufacturers and suppliers of products and services to dental professionals. ADIA's members are businesses that are, in accordance with the Association's by-laws, prevented from being responsible for the direct delivery of dental and oral healthcare. Matters associated with the direct delivery of dental and oral healthcare therefore do not fall within ADIA's remit.</li> </ul>
<b>Framework Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ADIA Advocacy Agenda</li> <li>▪ ADIA Stakeholder Engagement Strategy</li> </ul>
<b>Engagement &amp; Advocacy Partner/s</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Internal</u>: ADIA-ISC Industry Skills Committee</li> <li>▪ <u>External</u>: Dental Board of Australia; and associations for professional bodies.</li> </ul>
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