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National Dental Commission

Ethics and Dental Registration Board

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Dated: 29 June, 2026

To,

The Registrar
All State Dental Councils / Tribunals

Sub: Advisory regarding the domain of ethical professional practice for registered dental practitioners – Reg.

Madam / Sir,

The Ethics and Dental Registration Board of the National Dental Commission has recently observed that a number of registered dental practitioners have been approaching this office seeking clarification regarding the permissible domain and scope of their professional practice, which is a matter concerning the professional and ethical boundaries of dental practice across the country.

In this context, it is hereby clarified that the professional ambit of a dental practitioner is fundamentally guided by the academic and clinical training undergone during their professional degree programs. The syllabi and curriculum of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) courses, as prescribed by the erstwhile Dental Council of India and is currently in vogue, clearly define the competencies, procedures, and specialized domains for general and specialized dental practitioners.

Accordingly, all registered dental practitioners are legally and ethically entitled to carry out clinical practices strictly within the prescribed domain of their specific qualification and specialized professional boundaries. Adhering to these defined boundaries is paramount to ensure patient safety, high clinical standards, and delivering the highest quality of oral health care to patients and society at large.

In view of the above, all State Dental Councils and Tribunals are requested to issue necessary advisories, public notices, or guidelines to all registered dental professionals within their respective jurisdictions to align their clinical services in accordance with their formal training and qualifications to avoid any ethical or regulatory non-compliance.

Your prompt action in disseminating this information will greatly contribute to reinforcing ethical standards within the dental fraternity.

Yours sincerely,


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Member, Ethics and Dental Registration Board

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