

## Application at the Dental Council

One of the requirements for a person to be registered as a dental surgeon under the Dental Council Act (“Act”) is that the person must be a citizen of Mauritius. It should also be noted that a person cannot be registered as a dental specialist under the Act unless he or she is already a registered dental surgeon.

**A non-citizen of Mauritius** may, however, be registered as a dental surgeon if:

- (a) *he holds a work permit or is exempted from holding a permit under the Non-Citizens (Employment Restriction) Act;*
  - (b) *he satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (g) of section 22; and*
  - (c) *he has paid the fee prescribed by the Council.*
- The requirements of paragraphs (b) to (g) of Section 22 of the Act are the following:
- (b) *he holds a diploma in dental surgery;*
  - (c) *he is of good character and has not been convicted of an offence in any country involving fraud or dishonesty;*
  - (d) *he has not been disqualified from practice as a dental surgeon in any country;*
  - (e) *he has not in any country been removed from the list of dental surgeons on account of professional misconduct or negligence;*
  - (f) *he does not suffer from any mental or physical incapacity which may hamper the discharge of his duties;*
  - (g) *he has successfully undergone such examination or assessment as the Council may deem fit for the purpose of determining whether he possesses adequate professional medical knowledge and linguistic skills*

The holder of an occupational permit or a work permit issued under the Mauritian laws, who satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (g) mentioned above and who has paid the prescribed fee to the Dental Council may be registered by the Dental Council.

The Dental Council Act does not state how long a temporary registration is. A non-citizen who is the holder of a work permit or an occupation permit of a specified period may, unless the Dental Council decides otherwise, expect to have a temporary registration of a period equivalent to the

duration of his permit. (as explained in the document “Application for Occupational Permit” and which is normally of three months).

An application for registration is determined by the Dental Council within **60 days** of the application.

Finally it is to be noted that the illegal practice of dentistry is a criminal offence in Mauritius [s. 36 of the Act] and any person who is convicted of such offence is be liable to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months [s. 42(2) of the Act].