

## College of Denturists of British Columbia – Proposed Scope of Practice

<u>Services</u>	<u>Reason(s)</u>	<u>Training/Implementation</u>
Prescribe and fit a complete denture. (R)	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	-Denturists will continue to be required to complete the College’s Quality Assurance Program to expand their knowledge and maintain high practice standards.
Prescribe and fit a removable partial denture. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, -Current method of obtaining a Rx from a Dentist is inefficient, -Denturists have difficulty obtaining Rx’s from Dentists due to the liability they are assuming, and -Liability should remain with the person who fabricates the denture.	- Rather than an Rx, Denturists would rely on a referral system to collaborate with Dentists to assess the remaining natural teeth to have any necessary restorations and any pre-denture modifications completed, -Referrals must be documented in the patient’s record, and - Referrals will continue to enhance the collaboration between all health professionals to ensure optimal treatment outcomes for each patient.
Prescribe and fit a fixed removable implant supported prosthesis that replaces two or more teeth. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, -In collaboration with General Dentists, Oral Surgeons, Periodontists, etc., Denturists are legally providing removable implant retained prostheses, and -Referrals to other health care professionals will ensure each patient receives optimal treatment.	-A Denturist providing these services will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC. Theoretical and practical components may form the requirements for continuing education.
Perform a non-surgical gingival retraction technique below the surface of teeth if the procedure does not alter natural dentition. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, and -Manipulation of natural tissue may be necessary for Denturists to perform impression procedures, abutment replacement and removal, and bar placement and removal.	-A Denturist providing these services will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC. Theoretical and practical components may form the requirements for continuing education.
Insert and remove instruments, devices and fingers into an artificial opening in the mouth if the procedure does not alter natural dentition. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, and -To allow a Denturist to insert and remove implant screws for abutment level procedures.	-A Denturist providing these services will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC. Theoretical and practical components may form the requirements for continuing education.
Reduce a dislocation of a Temporomandibular joint for the purpose of reducing a subluxation of the Temporomandibular joint. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, -To allow a Denturist to treat TMJ dislocation, and -Training is already provided in the curriculum at all of the nationally accredited Denturist Educational Facilities.	N/A

Interpret existing radiographs for treatment. (R)	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, and -Training is already provided in the curriculum at all of the nationally accredited Denturist Educational Facilities.	N/A
Consultation, examination and diagnosis for treatments for patients who are missing one or more teeth and for patients wishing non-restricted services.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	N/A
Removable partial dentures including, acrylic, resin and cast metal, immediate (surgical) transitional/temporary, standard, equilibrated, semi precision and precision attachment partial dentures, etc.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	-Denturists, formally holding an Active Limited B license, would be required to successfully complete the College's Advanced Practice Examination to be eligible to provide this service.
Removable complete dentures including immediate (surgical), transitional/temporary, standard, equilibrated dentures, overdentures, etc.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	N/A
Any fixed or removable implant supported prosthesis which replaces two or more teeth, including partial dentures and bridges and various complete denture systems.	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, and -To allow the attachment or removal of any restoration on two or more teeth.	-A Denturist providing these services will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC. Theoretical and practical components may form the requirements for continuing education.
Ongoing maintenance of dentures including adjustments, tissue conditioning, relines, rebases, repairs, resetting of teeth.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	N/A
Ongoing maintenance on implant restorations of two or more teeth.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	N/A
Tooth whitening systems.	-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada, -Currently, tooth whitening systems that use carbamide peroxide of 15% or less and hydrogen peroxide of 4% or less can be obtained by patients over the counter and therefore, can safely be administered by Denturists, and - Tooth whitening systems of higher concentrations require Denturists to be further educated or to be referred to a Dentist.	-A Denturist providing professional strength concentrations of carbamide peroxide (15%-35%) and hydrogen peroxide (4%-35%) are required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC.

Sports mouth guards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada,</li> <li>-Currently, these appliances can be obtained by patients over the counter (do it yourself kit) and therefore, can safely be provided by Denturists, and</li> <li>-Denturists are able to offer a custom fit appliance and follow-up care.</li> </ul>	-A Denturist providing this service will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC.
Anti-bruxism devices (Night Guards).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada,</li> <li>-Currently, these appliances can be obtained by patients over the counter (do it yourself kit) and therefore, can safely be provided by Denturists, and</li> <li>-Denturists are able to offer a custom fit appliance and follow-up care.</li> </ul>	-A Denturist providing this service will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC.
Anti-snoring devices (Airway Dilators).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To be consistent with labour mobility and work towards a standard scope of practice across Canada,</li> <li>-Denturists have the skills to produce, fit and maintain a custom fit appliance to treat snoring and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and provide the necessary follow-up care,</li> <li>-Appliances do not alter any natural dentition or oral structures, and</li> <li>-Diagnosis of snoring and OSA is to be done by a qualified medical practitioner, prior to treatment with an oral appliance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Denturists would work in collaboration with appropriate health care practitioners to obtain medical clearance for dispensing appliances to ensure patient suitability for treatment, and</li> <li>-A Denturist will be required to complete a continuing education course and/or training approved by the College of Denturists of BC.</li> </ul>
Access existing radiographs for treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Training is already provided in the curriculum at all of the nationally accredited Denturist Educational Facilities, and</li> <li>-To facilitate communication and collaboration with other health care professionals to ensure each patient receives optimal treatment.</li> </ul>	N/A
Referral to other health care providers for necessary services, such as oral surgeons, general dentists, medical practitioners (family doctors), chiropractors, physiotherapists, etc.	-Already exists in the current Regulation.	N/A

(R) = Restricted Activities