To facilitate the public to search for primary care providers in the community, the Department of Health (DH) launched the Primary Care Directory (the Directory) in 2011, which is a web-based electronic database containing practice information and professional qualification of enrolled doctors, dentists and Chinese medicine practitioners.

**Enrolment in the Directory is easy**

All registered dentists within the meaning of the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) who hold a valid practising certificate issued under that Ordinance and committed to provide directly accessible, comprehensive, continuing and coordinated person-centred primary care services are welcome to enrol in the Directory online at [www.pcdirectory.gov.hk](http://www.pcdirectory.gov.hk).

**Maintenance requirements for listing in the Directory**

To promote and maintain the quality of services provided by primary care providers listed in the Directory, dentists enrolled in the Directory must demonstrate that they are pursuing Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and fulfill the maintenance requirements stipulated in the “Terms and Conditions” ([apps.pcdirectory.gov.hk/PCD_SP/EN/TermsAndConditions.htm](http://apps.pcdirectory.gov.hk/PCD_SP/EN/TermsAndConditions.htm)) of the Directory.

The Primary Care Office of the DH conducts regular checking of CPD status of dentists starting from the second year of enrolment in the Directory, upon update of the following lists by the Dental Council of Hong Kong (DCHK):

(a) the list of registered dentists under the Specialist Register ([www.dchk.org.hk/en/list/dentist_01.htm](http://www.dchk.org.hk/en/list/dentist_01.htm));

(b) the list of dentists who have met the CPD requirements set by the DCHK ([www.dchk.org.hk/en/cpd/index.htm](http://www.dchk.org.hk/en/cpd/index.htm)) for the latest CPD cycle preceding the checking.

Those not found on the lists will be subject to inactivation of the accounts and their information will not be displayed in the Directory. The next round of CPD checking will be conducted in 2020 after the current 2017-2019 CPD cycle.

**Be CPD active**

For non-specialist dentists, the easiest way to keep CPD active is to participate in the DCHK “Continuing Professional Development Programme for Practising Dentists” and attain sufficient CPD points to obtain the CPD Certificate over the three-yearly cycle, with not less than 8 CPD points obtained from the categories of core CPD activities as set out in the Guidelines for the CPD Programme. For more details, please refer to the designated webpage of the DCHK website ([www.dchk.org.hk/en/cpd/index.htm](http://www.dchk.org.hk/en/cpd/index.htm)) or the website of the Directory ([www.pcdirectory.gov.hk](http://www.pcdirectory.gov.hk)).

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