

## **Criminal Record Check Requirement**

Effective October 1, 2011, the Provincial government approved an Order in Council (B.C. Reg. 128/2011) repealing the Criminal Records Review Act Exemption Regulation and amending the Criminal Record Check Authorizations Regulation.

As a result of these amendments, all Dental Technician registrants and each new applicant for registration as an RDT must undergo a criminal record check conducted through the Criminal Records Review Program of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

In accordance with the requirements of the Criminal Records Review Act (CCRA), the College is responsible for:

- ensuring that all applicants for registration as a dental technician undergo a criminal record check
- ensuring that all dental technician registrants submit a signed Authorization for a Criminal Record Check every five years
- taking appropriate action if a criminal record check authorization is not provided, including taking reasonable steps to notify the registrant's employer
- taking appropriate action if there is a determination of risk, including informing the registrant's employer that they are responsible for ensuring that the registrant does not work with children or vulnerable adults.

Dental technicians who were registered with the College before October 1, 2011 must have submitted their Authorization for a Criminal Record Check by January 1, 2012. Individuals applying for initial registration or re-instatement on or after October 1, 2011 must provide an Authorization for a Criminal Record Check with their application for registration.

Registrants will not be able to renew their annual registration as a dental technician unless they have undergone a criminal record check within the previous five years.