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Dear Sir/Madam,I have been informed belatedly of your review of the legislation governing my craft,I would appreciate you reading my response to the legislation and its effect on my life and lifestyle. I was probably one of the last technicians to sit the overseas technician exam, when you brought this legislation in you devalued my efforts overnight, thanks,I was made the laughing stock of my place of work. Then with this legislation you made it so that for me to be able to work I have to find four hundred and fifty dollars to be able to practice,now while that is almost a weeks wage to me I find that I am being penalised for my qualifications by your selves and my employer will not acknowledge my qualifications. I hear nothing from yourselves regarding courses for my cpd points but then I cant afford to pay for any course nor can I afford to travel too far to attend courses,plus any time I do take is either annual leave or unpaid leave,because my employer will not sponsor my ongoing development's an example I learnt from my latest practicing fee that I should have a first aid qualification it holds no cpd points but I must have it ,my employer wont pay for it nor can I have leave to take it unless its in my own time.Im sorry if this comes across badly but I feel pretty poorly treated here and let down very badly. I feel there is more thought goes into opening a bag of lollies than has gone into this legislation, I also feel the Dental Technicians Board should be absorbed and therefore disbanded as its only purpose is to police technicians which I would have thought the Dental Council would be able to do quite adequately. Then we come to the "Technicians" who should be allowed to sit the Exam as a result of the years of service they have put in at the bench. The point I would like to raise here is that I spent five years apprenticeship and seven years day release travelling to my nearest college,I don't intend to sit back and watch you devalue my qualifications any more,aside from that to be a Technician here you have to have a complete knowledge of every discipline in dental technology,i.e. models for prosthetics, crown and bridge, gold plates, chrome plates, the various types of stone to use the various mixing ratios the various casting investments and their modifying agents ,temperature of water etc,the waxes their properties and qualities where and when to use, prosthodontics ,orthodontics,metallurgy,the list is endless and I am familiar with them all I have to be its MY job.

So you see (I hope) I am far from very happy with what has transpired and is continuing to unfurl as time goes on. There is also the point of my being unable to afford my cpd,this causes me a great deal of anxiety and concern,I have attended as many of the local Technician meetings held by NZIDT even joining there ranks at a cost of one hundred and fifty dollars to myself in the hope that I might be better informed no such luck,none of the money I spend on my cpd or registration is tax deductible its lost money,the ironic part to all of this is I could earn more money doing shift work or driving a bus,Why should I? I am not about to sacrifice my qualifications,but I do have to give very serious thought as to stopping here in New Zealand where I am paid as a process worker but expected to do far more especially when my employer takes annual leave of six weeks or more and he is not the only one that has done this to me my skill is ok when they are not around and they need someone competent and capable to run their businesses but I don't deserve the pay and recognition that goes with that requirement. Tony Woodham.RDTNZ

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