

DENTISTS.

11° GEO. V., No. LI.

No. 51 of 1920.

AN ACT to amend the Dentists Act, 1894.

[Assented to 14th January, 1921.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Dentists Act Amendment Act*, 1920, and shall be read as one with the Dentists Act, 1894, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act. Short title.

2. Section ten of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal of Sec. 10.

Qualification
for registra-
tion.

3. Every person (male or female) shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under the principal Act who is above the age of twenty-one years and of good character, and who, having observed the rules, shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board—

- (a) that he has for not less than four years continuously practised dentistry in the United Kingdom or in some part of His Majesty's Dominions or in the United States of America, and holds such certificate, diploma, or degree as may be prescribed by the rules, and has passed such examinations (if any) as may, in like manner, be prescribed; or
- (b) that he holds the diploma in dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, of Ireland, Edinburgh, or Glasgow, or holds a University degree of dental surgery or dental science of an Australian University, or holds the diploma of Licentiate of Dental Surgery of the Australian College of Dentistry, and which diploma was granted after the date when such college was affiliated with the University of Melbourne;
- (c) that he has during a period of not less than four years been continuously engaged in Western Australia as an apprentice to a dentist under registered articles of apprenticeship, and has passed such examinations as may be prescribed by the rules.

Registration of
practitioner,
subject to
examination.

4. Every person (male and female) shall be entitled to be registered as a dentist under the principal Act who is above the age of twenty-one years and of good character, and who, having observed the rules, shall—

- (a) prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he has been engaged in both operative and prosthetic dentistry in Western Australia for periods totalling six years: Provided that all time spent by the applicant on active service with the Australian Imperial Forces shall be counted as part of such six years; and
- (b) apply for registration within six calendar months after the passing of this Act: Provided that in the case of a soldier who has enlisted, and is still serving with the Australian Imperial Forces at the passing of this Act, such application may be made within twelve calendar months after his discharge: and

- (c) within three years after he has applied for registration as aforesaid pass an examination to the satisfaction of the Board on the subjects and syllabus, and in the manner set out in the Schedule:
- (d) Provided that the following persons shall be entitled to be registered by the Board as dentists, that is to say—

Every person who for seven years prior to the 1st day of August, 1920, has been engaged in Western Australia or in the dental corps of the Australian Imperial Forces in the work of a dental surgery assistant by the performance of dental operations in the mouth, and who was on the 1st day of August, 1920, alone or with co-partners an employer of or in partnership with any dentist.

5. Where an applicant for registration under paragraph (c) of section three or under section four has, by reason of his service with the Australian Imperial Forces, been unable to complete his period of apprenticeship or his period of practice in Western Australia, as the case may be, the Board may reduce such period to not less than two years, if satisfied that the applicant is otherwise qualified.

Power to reduce period of apprenticeship or practice on service with Forces.

6. (1.) The Board may require the attendance of any person who applies for registration, and of any person or persons who can give evidence in connection with any application for registration, and may examine or question any such persons or any witnesses who may attend before the Board, upon oath or affirmation, and for any such purpose the president or any chairman of the Board may administer any oath or affirmation.

Power to take evidence on oath and summon witnesses

(2.) Every summons issued by the Board requiring the attendance of any person, dentist, or witness, or the production of any documents, and signed by the registrar, shall have the same effect as a subpoena *ad testificandum* or *duces tecum*, as the case may be, issued by the Supreme Court in a civil action; and the obedience thereto, or non-observance thereof, may be enforced and punished by a Judge in chambers, in the same manner as the case of the disobedience or non-observance of a subpoena issued by the said Court.

The Schedule.

Section 4.

The examination to be passed by applicants for registration under Section 4.

PRACTICAL DENTISTRY.

(a) Operative dentistry to comprise gold amalgam or other fillings; the candidate may also be asked to perform or answer questions in regard to any other operations in ordinary practice.

(b) Mechanical Dentistry.—Specimen pieces of the various classes of mechanical work, including crown and bridge work, must be constructed under the supervision of the examiner.

N.B.—The candidate will be required in the practical examination to use his own material and small instruments; the larger, such as lathe, vulcaniser, engine, and chair will be provided by the Board.

THEORETICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Papers containing a series of questions on the following subjects will be submitted, to be answered in writing:—

(a) Dental Materia Medica and Therapeutics.—Text Book, Glassington (Second or latest edition).

(b) Dental Surgery and Pathology and Orthodontia.—Text Book, Tomes and Nowell (Fifth or latest edition).

If a candidate failing to pass the examination, as a whole, should obtain a pass in one or both of the theoretical subjects, he shall on re-examination be exempt from a further examination in the theoretical subject or subjects already passed in.

The examination shall be held once in every six months.
