

## **Dental Services update March 2023**

Dear Member.

The Dental Services Industrial Advisory Committee has been working tirelessly over the last few months to improve professional and industrial outcomes within the professions.

The Committee is in the process of finalising priority issues in the Award. These include:

- Dental Assistants' inability to progress despite having Certificate IV qualifications.
- Limited career progression and no clear pathway defined in the Award for personal regrade.
- Allowances including supervisor's allowance.
- Registration and CPD costs.
- Increased scope of practice.

Once the Committee has completed identifying Award issues, they will start developing strategic plans to resolve the issues. The Committee will convene a state-wide meeting for all Dental Services members soon to discuss and endorse the Committee's strategic plan and proposed solutions.

The HSU Dental Services Committee continues to seek new Committee members. If you are a Dental Assistant, Oral Health Therapist, Dental Registrar, Dental Officer, Prosthesis, or Dental Assistant and interested in joining, please write to the below email to express your interest.

If you have a collective issue that you'd like the Committee to explore, please contact HSU Industrial Officer Anam Rafi on <a href="mailto:anam.rafi@hsu.asn.au">anam.rafi@hsu.asn.au</a>.

For non-members, now is the time to join the HSU and stand up for better conditions. You can join using this link: <a href="https://www.hsu.asn.au/join">https://www.hsu.asn.au/join</a>.

In unity,

**Gerard Hayes** 

Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD

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