To,
The Registrar of University affiliating dental institutions
(as per list attached)

Subject: Inordinate delay in issuing and awarding dental degrees/diploma.

Sir/Madam,

The Dental Council of India is receiving a number of complaints from different stakeholders in
dental education regarding some universities which are not awarding degrees in time to the students
enrolled in BDS and MDS courses by them. As the Commission has formulated and circulated elaborate
guidelines by the UGC about the fundamental entitlements of a student who enrolls
in an institution of
higher education to study a program. The Government of India vide its letter No.V.12025/171/2019-DE
dated 22.08.2019 has also advise to put in place a mechanism in this regard so that grant of BDS degrees
by various Universities/Institutes can be regularly followed up. Needless to say, getting the degree in time
after having successfully completing a course is an inviolable privilege of a student. Considering the huge
significance of this privilege, the Commission notified full-fledged regulations entitled UGC (Grant of
Degrees and other award by Universities) Regulations, 2008, the regulation 4.4 of which mandates that:

"The Degree award date/s shall be within 180 days of the date/s by which
the student are expected to qualify and become eligible for them"

The period of 180 days is more than sufficient to perform the task which constitutes perhaps one
the most fundamental and primary duties of a university. It is understandable that withholding degree of a
student who has successfully completed his tenure in the institution of his/her enrolment, for whatever
reasons, amounts to constraining opportunities of a student. DCI
has taken a serious view of the issue and
will be constrained to take punitive actions as it may consider necessary in the fact and circumstance of
each case. I request all the Registrar of each and every university affiliating dental institutions to strictly
follow the UGC Regulations, 2008 and facilitate smooth and timely entry of its students in the world of
possibilities and promises.

This issues with the prior approval of the Executive Committee of DCI.

(Dr. Satyasashi Saha)
Secretary
Dental Council of India

Copy for information to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family
Welfare, Department of Dental Education, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011 —
w.r.t. their letter No.V.12025/171/2019-DE dated 22.08.2019.

(Dr. Satyasashi Saha)
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CC:
1. The Acting President, Dental Council of India, New Delhi.
2. The Server Section – to upload the Circular at DCI’s website.