



INTERIM POLICY

Teeth Whitening/Bleaching

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Authority

This Interim Policy has been developed by the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) under section 39 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

Background

The issues surrounding teeth whitening/bleaching are complex and the regulatory environment that existed across states and territories prior to the commencement of the national registration and accreditation scheme varied. The Board continues to examine these issues further within its mandate of public protection, however the Board has agreed, as an interim measure, to release this policy.

Policy

Teeth whitening/bleaching, is an irreversible procedure on the human teeth and any tooth whitening/bleaching products containing more than 6% concentration of the active whitening/bleaching agent, should only be used by a registered dental practitioner with education, training and competence in teeth whitening/bleaching.