

**Amendments to the Code of Professional Discipline for  
the Guidance of Dental Practitioners in Hong Kong (“The Code”)  
re. the Coming into Operation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance (Cap. 650)  
(w.e.f. 20 January 2026)**

**Summary of Amendments**

| S/N | Affected Section | Relevant Amendment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Justification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1.  | Pre-amble        | <p>(i) To add “<i>The Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance (Cap. 650)</i>” to the list of relevant legislations</p> <p>(ii) To add the three types of criminal offences of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance (“MRCAO”) (Cap. 650)</p> | Registered dentists should be advised to be familiarized with the provisions of the MRCAO and the guidelines published or updated by the Director of Social Welfare under section 7 thereof from time to time.                                    |
| 2.  | Section 4        | To add a new section 4.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Section 12(2) of the MRCAO provides that a specified professional must not be held to have breached any code of professional conduct or ethics, or to have departed from any accepted standards of professional conduct, only by making a report. |