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Dear practitioner,

Consultation Outcome - Proposed prescribed qualification for the scope of practice for Oral Medicine Specialists

Council issued a consultation document in July 2013 on the proposed prescribed qualification for the scope of practice for Oral Medicine Specialists.

The consultation document proposed that:

- The University of Otago DClinDent (Oral Medicine) programme plus a recognised medical degree be included as a prescribed qualification for the scope of practice for Oral Medicine Specialists;
- The *World Directory of Medical Schools* be used as the medical component in conjunction with the DClinDent (Oral Medicine) programme for registration in the scope of practice for Oral Medicine Specialists; and
- Consequential changes be made to the prescribed qualifications of the Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery scopes of practice, currently accepting the *WHO World Directory of Medical Schools* or the *ECFMG Faimer Directory*.

The consultation closed on 3 September 2013 and Council considered the submissions at its November meeting.

Due to the focus of various submissions on the need, or otherwise, of a medical degree for registration in the scope of practice for Oral Medicine Specialists, further consideration of Council's policy requirement for a medical degree is required, prior to finalisation of the consultation outcome.

Council deferred its decision on the consultation to allow for further investigation on the format of the oral medicine prescribed qualifications for registration in New Zealand. This will include international benchmarking and liaison with other international jurisdictions that may result in further consultation prior to finalisation.

Yours sincerely



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