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Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission survey

**Q1**

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**Q2** as a registered practitioner

Are you making this submission survey

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**Q3** a registered dental therapist

Please tell us which part of the sector your submission survey represents

Page 3: General question about recertification

**Q4**

Do you think the Dental Council needs to make changes to its current recertification framework?

Yes - it needs to make substantive changes

Please give your reasons:  
I agree with your consultation papers so far especially with regards to auditing practitioners

Page 4: Area for change one: public assurance

**Q5**

Respondent skipped this question

Each of the seven statements below are equally important components of good oral health care. We want to identify where there are gaps or weaknesses in the way our oral health practitioners serve the public. Please rank the components from 1-7, with one being the component you think needs the most improvement and seven being the component you think needs the least improvement:

<p><b>Q6</b></p> <p><b>Do you think the Dental Council needs to equip patients and the public to recognise poor practise?</b></p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give your reasons: the public generally trust dental professionals and may not recognise poor practise or will go elsewhere if they are not happy without complaining or questioning the professional</p>
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Page 5: Area for change two: right-touch risk-based regulation

<p><b>Q7</b></p> <p><b>Do you feel you have adequate information about the Dental Council's approach to regulation?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Q8</b></p> <p><b>A risk pyramid illustrates the connection between the desired actions and/or behaviours of a practitioner and the differing level of responses a regulator can use to encourage and/or achieve the desired action and/or behaviour. Do you think the Dental Council should develop a risk pyramid/matrix to explain the types and levels of risk and corresponding regulatory responses?</b></p>	<p>Please give your reasons: don't know</p>

Page 6: Area for change three: risk identification

<p><b>Q9</b></p> <p><b>Which (if any) of these tools and mechanisms do you think the Dental Council should be using to identify and manage risk?</b></p>	<p>Practice audits, Examinations and assessments, Practical training/experience for a period of time, Supervision, counselling and/or mentoring</p>
<p><b>Q10</b></p> <p><b>Are you aware of any other tools or mechanisms the Dental Council should be using to identify and manage risk?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Q11</b></p> <p><b>Do you think any of these risk tools or mechanisms are more effective than others?</b></p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give your reasons: Practice audits if done on a regularly and concerns are followed up</p>

Page 7: Area for change four: early intervention

<p><b>Q12</b></p> <p><b>Do you think the Dental Council should explore the use of risk analysis and risk-profiling to identify poor practise sooner?</b></p>	<p>Yes,</p> <p>Please give your reasons: better outcome for the practice and the public if risks are managed early</p>
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Page 8: Area for change five: compliance

<p><b>Q13</b></p> <p>Do you think the Dental Council should explore the use of incentives to encourage practitioner compliance?</p>	<p>No,</p> <p>Please give your reasons: I would expect compliancy in the first instance</p>
<p><b>Q14</b></p> <p>What do you think the Dental Council could do differently to encourage practitioner compliance with its recertification requirements? Please explain:</p>	<p>the amount of CPD and Peer review needs reconsideration - I question the value</p>

Page 9: Area for change six: ongoing education and learning opportunities

<p><b>Q15</b></p> <p>Do you think the Dental Council should change its current amount of prescribed hours and peer activities?</p>	<p>Yes - the hours should be decreased</p>								
<p><b>Q16</b></p> <p>Do you think the Dental Council should change the current length of its education and learning opportunities (CPD) cycle?</p>	<p>Yes - the cycle length should be decreased</p>								
<p><b>Q17</b></p> <p>Please rank the following statements (with one being most important and eight being least important) according to the following question: Which actions should the Dental Council prioritise when considering its approach to ongoing education and learning opportunities?</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Changing the current length of the education and learning opportunities (CPD) cycle</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Removing the requirement to have verifiable education and learning activities</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Requiring practitioners to maintain an accurate record of their education and learning activities</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Setting some mandatory education and learning opportunities based on the Dental Council's Practice Standards</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>		Changing the current length of the education and learning opportunities (CPD) cycle	8	Removing the requirement to have verifiable education and learning activities	7	Requiring practitioners to maintain an accurate record of their education and learning activities	6	Setting some mandatory education and learning opportunities based on the Dental Council's Practice Standards	2
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<p><b>Q18</b></p> <p>Do you think the Dental Council needs to make any other changes or improvements to the ongoing education and learning process?</p>	<p>Yes - it needs to make substantive changes or improvements</p> <p>,</p> <p>Please tell us what other changes or improvements should be made and why: More hands on courses/workshops</p>								

Page 10: Final thoughts and comments

Q19

no thank you

**Do you have any other comments, suggestions or information you want to share with the Dental Council about recertification?**

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