

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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

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Q2 Are you making this submission

as a registered practitioner

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents

a registered dentist or dental specialist

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

Q4 What, if anything, do you like about our proposed core recertification programme?

Mentoring of New Registrants.

Q5 Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change?

Yes,

Please explain.:

A one year CPD cycle is too short. I believe a 3 or 4 year cycle is more appropriate. The changes in the recertification will increase compliance costs and time to be a dentist. It seems unnecessary and will increase costs to provide dentistry for the public. There is no evidence of a major increase of incompetent dentistry being performed in our profession so restructuring practitioner recertification is ridiculous.

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Q6 Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months?

No,

Please explain.:

A one year CPD cycle is too short. I believe a 3 or 4 year cycle is more appropriate. With a one year cycle practitioners will be forced into attending courses to try build up their CPD hours unnecessarily. In a 12 month period, sometimes there is no appropriate courses which are helpful in the areas of dentistry which are important to me. A one year cycle would force people to spend unnecessary fees on courses. With a longer 3 or 4 year cycle this allows practitioners to choose better courses and better quality courses over this time frame.

Q7 Do you think our proposed core recertification programme should include a requirement for practitioners to complete an online open-book assessment of their technical and clinical knowledge and skills?

No,

Please explain.:

Dentists have already proven themselves with years of undergraduate and sometimes post-graduate studies. We then continually improve our professional skills with conferences, lectures, workshops and professional peer contact. Being forced to sit an online assessment every year is unnecessary and insulting. Most dentists I know spend thousands if not tens or thousands of dollars every year in their continuing education. To then have to sit an annual test is unnecessary and increases compliance costs and time to an already busy profession.d

Q8 If a proposal about an online open-book assessment of a practitioner's technical and clinical skills and knowledge is supported, how often should practitioners be required to complete an assessment?

Every five years

Q9 Do you have other proposals about our proposed core recertification programme you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

Q10 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for supporting new registrants?

Mentoring of new registrants is a good idea.

Q11 Is there anything about the draft proposals for supporting new registrants you would change?

No

Q12 Do you think the proposed two year minimum period for the mentoring relationship is:

just right

Q13 Do you think all new registrants should participate in a mentoring programme, or are there some new registrants who should not be required to participate in a mentoring programme? **No**

Q14 Do you have other proposals about supporting new registrants you would like us to consider? Please explain. **Respondent skipped this question**

Page 5: Area three: addressing health-related competence decline concerns

Q15 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns?

None.

Q16 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change?

Yes,
Please explain.:
Why is eye examination alone being targeted? As a health practitioner it is my responsibility to look after my health to ensure my competency to practice. In particular I spend thousands of dollars on loupes and magnification. - this is done because of my professional choice to give my patients the best care. Not because "big brother" is checking my eyes!

Q17 Do you have other proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Area four: addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours

Q18 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours?

I agree in targeting non compliant practitioners.

Q19 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would change? **No**

Q20 Do you have other proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would like us to consider? Please explain. **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q21 Do you have any other comments, suggestions or information you want to share with us about the draft proposals for improving our approach to recertification?

I think the new recertification proposal is unnecessary and it increases the burden to register as a dental practitioner. This increases compliance costs and time and I do not believe it makes competency any safer for the public. It is only ticking boxes, creating paper work and increasing red tape.
