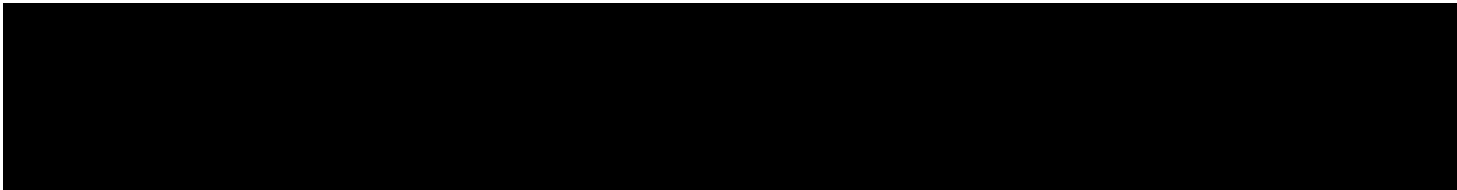


Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

Name

**Gloria Ching**



**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?

That the purpose behind the recertification is to protect our profession and encourage good practicing standards

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

1) Peer reviews annually (get rid of this)- as a dentist we review our work on a daily basis, to have another colleague or fellow practitioner needing to review your work does not necessarily reflect your competency. I don't think this will be effective in its purpose to encourage good practicing standards or is even a good and accurate reflection of one's competency. If anything this is a hassle for dentists- more paperwork to complete, and for the council- who is going to process and review all the reviews? how will you determine which reviews pass and which don't, where is the manpower to implement this going to come from? If its original purpose was to tighten the standards of overseas trained dental practitioners currently practicing in NZ, then this should be the target group instead of applying it to the whole sector of dentists. Our competency is reflected in our qualification which we have earned through our tertiary studies, and our experience in the workplace, as well as our continual learning through CPD. 2) CPD cycle- should be kept to its original 4 yearly cycle, 20 CPD point per year. No reason to change this when it has been working well and is a good threshold for continual learning

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

Waste of time, money and resources by shortening the time frame. It will be harder for us dentists as every year we will need to worry about recertification.

**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.:

Does the dental council think we have to go back to university on a yearly basis to prove our clinical knowledge and skills? This is degrading to our profession.

**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** ,

Please explain.:

Don't support this

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

The whole issues lies around poor clinical skills and competency from overseas trained dentists. Tighten qualification conversion assessments and restrict these numbers so their problems and issues are not spilled over to include the whole NZ dental profession.

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

Support is key for new registrants, I like that the council is trying to provide this as much as possible

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**Q11** Is there anything about the draft proposals for supporting new registrants you would change? **No**

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

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**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? **Yes**

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

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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? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q16** Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change? **Yes,**  
Please explain.:  
Its not very fair to put a benchmark to say anyone over x age needs to get an eye check every year. I find it somewhat age discriminatory. There are those at any age that will have great eye sight and those with very poor.

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**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**

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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? **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q19** Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would change? **Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Final thoughts and comments

**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?

The dental council should be a body that is looking out for the interests of our profession instead of causing us more trouble. Please use your time and resources efficiently and effectively.

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