

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

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

Name

**Helen Fowke**

**Q2** Are you making this submission

**as a registered practitioner**

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

**a registered clinical dental technician**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Vision testing - this is more strict than eye tests for driving on our roads. . The Optometrist themselves haven't deemed it necessary or have adopted this recommendation. Overkill.

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

There is no flexibility for practitioners to complete their proposed CPD. This proposal does not take into account If a practitioner suffers an illness, requiring periods away from work or a practitioner that may need to care for a sick family member. Or taking time if for to start a family. I don't believe someone becomes incompetent when being away from work for a year.

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**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.:

Who would set this up, administrate, and what would it cost? If it an online open-book assessment of their technical and clinical knowledge and skills? Within dentistry there are so many different techniques, materials and methods to achieve the same or similar result. Who would be judge, jury, and examiner. What system would the council propose for a practitioner to challenge a result of an open book Assessment / Exam?

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I wouldn't make it mandatory, the Dental Association and The Institute of Dental Technologist's Association already have mentoring programs. To make mentoring mandatory will place a huge burden on practitioners and stakeholders. What would happen if the Council couldn't find enough practitioners to mentor.

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

**too  
long**

**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

## Phase two consultation on recertification

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

**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

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

Respondent skipped this question

**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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### 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?

Respondent skipped this question