

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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

John Chong

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

No,
Please explain.:
The 12 month cycle does not provide adequate time for those who have personal circumstances which take them away from work. These include those who have to look after young family members or those who have to look after ill or injured family members. There must be enough time allowances which can accommodate for these situations since they can take much longer than 12 months to resolve.

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?

Yes

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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.

I have concerns over the proposed written reflective statements that will need to be submitted as part of the recertification. I am aware of some of the aspects of a case in the UK involving Dr. Hadiza Bawa-Garba and the possible use of her written statement which may have been used as evidence against her which led to her manslaughter conviction and deregistration (which were later overturned). It really does raise the question of how truthful we can be with this requirement of submitting a reflective statement to the Dental Council as part of the recertification. It will be very difficult for any dentist to be open about any gaps in our practising life that we need to improve on if these reflective statements can be used as evidence against us. It will make most dentists hesitant about being completely truthful about what our professional development plans are since it will expose what we personally feel are gaps in our knowledge base, even if these gaps are insignificant.

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

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?

Yes,

Please explain.:

Not enough evidence has been provided about whether having biennial checks is the golden standard for checking for any decline in the eyesight. The Association of Optometrists have recommended a check every two years, yet the Optometrist and Dispensing Opticians Board, which regulates the optometrists themselves, have not regulated any need for eye examinations for their own profession.

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?

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

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