

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

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

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**Q2** Are you making this submission **as a registered practitioner**

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**Q3** Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents **a registered dentist or dental specialist**

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Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

not very much

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## Phase two consultation on recertification

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I don't see any common sense in all of that. I talked to many dentist and they all think the same but they don't dare to put it on the paper with their names. Scared to be judged? Don't know. (My English language is simple. Hope you will understand.) We are practitioners and we spend a lot of time, money and energy perfecting our skills, updating our techniques, attending different courses that we find interesting for us, meeting other dentists and exchanging experiences, reading etc. This is very, very stressful job. Very demanding. We are not administrators (office workers) and most of us hate doing that. That's why we became dentists, there are no admin tasks. How wrong we were!. Most dentist don't know how to write plans, programs and other staff that we don't even understand. I don't understand many of your proposals. Why all of these? Because some dentist are doing wrong? CHASE THEM, not others. People can make mistakes, everybody does, but everybody should try not to. If somebody is constantly making mistakes and is working against some rules and below the standards, why punish all other dentist? I don't see how you will protect public with all these. You will not. You will just have many angry dentist. If that is you aim than go for it.

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

There are too many terms. Every year APC, every year recertification, every two years CPR, every year....., every 2 years....every 3years..... Who can live that life, full of terms? Don't you think that we need some time off to unwind and some holidays. I used to go to holiday at end of August till beginning of October. First holiday and the very first week of the holiday I got email from DC to fill APC form and to send payment. And only 4 weeks to do it. Being unable to do it on time I rang DC to apologise and to ask for online option to do the form and payment. There was none available. Then I asked for extension of one week when I planned to back in NZ. I was told that I can not work until I get the Certificate and that it will cost me more. That's while I called to apologise and to arrange some flexibility. But NO. I had a lot of trouble to get that form printed and to send it to NZ. Next year I rang Council a week before the forms are usually sent to ask to be sent a few days earlier to me so I can return it with payment before my trip. But NO, not possible. Again I had to spend part of my holiday on unnecessary administration and to send it to DC and this time DC did not receive the mail. So, what I have done? I have changed the time when I go to holiday. Is that how it should be? AND now you are proposing even more terms..... How do you upgrade your skills? The same with eye exam. I wear glasses and magnifiers. I have my eyes check when I need. We, dentists, are educated people and most of us wear magnifiers. Why, for God's sake, you need to introduce another term?

**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.:

I don't know about any other profession doing that.

**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.:

IF it is supported, hopefully not.

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

Maybe somebody can come down to spend time with dentists, see what they do, how they do, talk to them individually about conditions of work, problems, advantages and disadvantages and then make proposals. Make proposals based on workforce and reality not from the top, from roof. Foundation first.

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**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.:  
Not every person is able to teach.

**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?

**Yes**

**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

**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

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

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