

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?

Nothing really

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

The current requirements are satisfactory. Why fix something that ain't broke! As for the peer/mentor situation, I can't see how that's going to work effectively. All practitioners have their own opinions/philosophies/ideas on dentistry so how you're going to find someone who shares these with you is a tall order. I would imagine that practitioners will find ways and means to get around/through it all but it is not going to really have any positive effect. The current requirements provide for peer contact/collegiality and there is plenty of CPD available. As to the complaints part of the proposed changes. I, personally, have had 2 minor complaints in the past 24 years of practice, one through the HDC and one through the NZDA branch complaints officer. Both of these were dealt with in a timely manner by myself with satisfactory outcomes for the patients and no repercussions. I believe the majority of dental professionals in NZ practice professionally and held in reasonably high regard. Sure, there always be a very few who have regular complaints against them, but I believe the processes that are already in place are enough to sort/handle these. The proposed changes are going to take a lot of time and energy on my behalf and running my own practice already does that. I certainly would not be looking forward to having to deal with what you are proposing. As for 2 yearly eye examinations, I am sure most practitioners are aware of their diminishing eyesight over the years and deal with this as it becomes an issue. I don't think we need to be told what to do!

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

No,

Please explain.:

12 monthly is too short. 2 yearly would be okay.

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.:

Why bother? Its open book.

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 three years ,

Please explain.:

Nothing is going to change in dentistry a lot over a 12 month period. Possibly in 3 years. Most of what's out there at the moment is just changing technologies. The core basics of dentistry have not changed.

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

The current programme is fine the way it is. Again, why fix something when it ain't broke!

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

I, personally, did not have a great mentor when I graduated but did attend parts of the Graduate professional development programme that was on offer.

I think new grads should have more professional help than I personally did but getting the right mentor will be a challenge.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

If I wound the clock back, I would have certainly appreciated a mentoring programme being available, other than the person I was working for in my first new grad position. But, who gets to be a mentor, what are their attributes, would there be enough of them available, and would there be clashes in ideas/philosophies.

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

just right,

Please explain.:

Probably an okay timeframe.

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,

Please explain.:

New grads, definitely. A practitioner who has been practising greater than 2 years probably shouldn't have to.

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?

Don't think there needs to be a 2 yrly requirement for an eye exam.

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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.:

I believe the majority of dental professionals have enough brains to work this out for themselves. If their vision is failing they will do something about it.

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 think the current programme caters for this satisfactorily.

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

No,

Please explain.:

I believe the current recertification programme covers this satisfactorily.

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?

Don't fix what isn't broken.
