

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
Seems to be a more convoluted and labour intensive way to ensure compliance is achieved. The vast majority of practitioners are committed to on going learning and strive to deliver a high standard of care to their patients. The proposed programme penalizes the majority by increasing their administrative work load and adds an extra stress to an already stressful profession. Where is the concrete evidence that it will more effectively identify the non compliant individuals than the system already in place?

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

No,
Please explain.:
The cycle is too short and is discriminatory against those taking time out to care for children, relatives etc.

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,

Please explain.:

This could be a good way of ensuring that individuals are committed to on going learning . It would work best if there is some flexibility in terms of when tests are done. Possibly something along the lines of the CPD points you can get from the quiz following the Feature Article in the NZDA Journal. To prevent copying each practitioners questions could be asked in a slightly different order . The cheats may still find a way to cheat but most people will read the articles to learn something new or confirm that they are doing things correctly and then take the quiz to validate their understanding of it .

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 four years ,

Please explain.:

During the cycle the number of points that needed to be accrued through on line assessment could be stipulated. Modules for online learning and assessment could be available on a number of topics (similar concept to quiz that follows feature article in NZDA Journal) Practitioners could have the flexibility to choose the topics they wanted to increase their knowledge in and submit these assessments on line at a time that worked well for them within that four year cycle. This would make the programme more conducive to broadening practitioner knowledge and skill with out putting people under unnecessary extra stress in an already stressful profession. It could also be a convenient continuing education option for those people who for geographical reasons or other commitments find it challenging to get to as many courses , conferences etc as other members of the profession.

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

See above

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

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

Who does the mentoring and what input is involved? The extra work load and responsibility of being required to mentor could be a disincentive to hire a new registrant. Perhaps instead of a one on one mentoring arrangement new registrants could form study groups and discuss cases , treatment planning etc with experienced clinicians from general and specialist practice. An on line discussion forum could also work well.

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

Respondent skipped this question

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.:

Compulsory eye checks are not required by any other health professional certification body. We are educated health practitioners intelligent enough to know when our eye sight is failing and seek the appropriate treatment for this.

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

Phase two consultation on recertification

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
