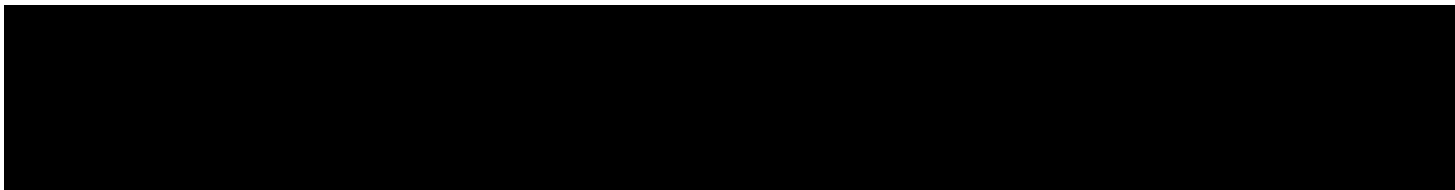


Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name **Linda Harrison**



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

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

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

Peer contact/review as I personally believe that these are the most beneficial. In our practice we routinely discuss treatment plans and review radiographs together which helps us all gain confidence in our decision making which in turn has positive outcomes for our patients.

Q5 Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change? **Yes,**
Please explain.:
I would like to see clinical audits for all practitioners. As a dental therapist working in a DHB we are clinically audited on a regular basis.

Q6 Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months? **No,**
Please explain.:
A 2 year cycle is adequate. A change to a 12 month cycle could also see an increase in our fees to administer this.

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 two years

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.:
As a mentor of BOH students I find the biggest challenge is their lack of clinical time/experience. I believe there is a need for a provisional registration/internship for possibly a period of 12 months or even more depending on their confidence at the end of 12 months. Only after this time can they be issued with an APC.

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

just right

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,
Please explain.:
Those from overseas may not need as much clinical guidance but a focus on New Zealand legal requirements, cultural needs etc so may be a reduced period of mentoring for these clinicians.

Q14 Do you have other proposals about supporting new registrants you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Specific training for mentors as they need guidance and support too.

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

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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.:

Why limit health checks to those over 40 years - a health check including eye exams could or should be mandatory for all practitioners.

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?

Yes,

Please explain.:

An increase in APC fees for all non compliant practitioners and those with multiple complaints as they are the ones that drain DCNZ resources due to disciplinary actions therefore causing increases in fees. Consider an early payment discount.

Q20 Do you have other proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Introduce a threshold for multiple complaints and those with a history of late APC and renewals. There has to be some point where they can not continue to be registered.

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
