

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**

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?

I like that 'like' professionals act as attestors for their colleagues. I think this will encourage more open and honest conversations amongst peers. it will also give a focus for peer contact.

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.:
I think two yearly would be better and not such a constant rush to complete assessments 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.:
provided this was not a long onerous process. eg a document that took several hours to complete

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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 ,

Please explain.:

gives time for each area of practise to be updated and for practitioners to have a wide range and deeper insight into the PDP subjects over a more realistic timeframe.

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?

I like that it is a two year process.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I would like the mentor to change at the end of the first year and that a new one be appointed if possible for the second year. This would give a wider support for the practitioner and give the new graduate a wider knowledge base to call on. I am sure that after the first year the relationship with the mentor would be strong enough that even though they were no longer the primary mentor they would still be available for back up if necessary. off course there will be some locations where this isn't possible so that needs to be taken into account.

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

just right,

Please explain.:

with the modifications I mentioned above

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.:

All new graduates. whenever you enter a new career even if your previous experience is in a related field you need to meet the standards and expectations of that new field. Mentoring also acts as a way of ensuring peer support

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

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Q15 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns?

I really like the eye tests

Q16 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change?

No

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.:

I think a definite scoring of non compliance needs to be introduced. A magnitude scale would be useful. Someone being late one year shouldn't be a reason for this. I am thinking particularly of people who have been compliant all their career and now haven't completed their CPR because in their small area the course was cancelled and re-booked or similar.

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
