

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 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**

**Q6** Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months? **No,**  
Please explain.:  
To practice dentistry, one doesn't need to spend day and night on teeth. It is good to keep updated, but in reality, most practices do not have the luxury of time and money to keep on chasing new products, new gadgets etc. Attending more lectures and workshops do not translate into increased purchases by dentists of new tools. Without new tools and materials, it can be very hard to incorporate new techniques. It is all about cost and profit. Dentists also have lives apart from work and they would like to spend time on other areas of their lives like hobbies, sports or spirituality. Increased CPE has nothing to do with increased heart. At the end of the day, what society needs is a dentist who cares, who strives to do their best for the patient.

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**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 see how this actually translates into good practice. Much as the need for loads of paperwork and paper certification might give the illusion of a good dentist, I personally, have never seen it actually being of any use except as an increased burden to dentists who are already burdened by their actual work.

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**just right,**

Please explain.:

It takes 2 years of actually working to feel confident and become competent. Working without a mentor at the beginning can be very challenging especially in aspects of patient relationship and management of conflicts. Having a mentor there who can guide a new registrant is most valuable.

**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.:

Not all universities are the same and not all experiences are the same, too.

**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?

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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**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

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

Respondent skipped this question

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**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

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### 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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