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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 oral health therapist

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

supporting new registrants and the reflection aspect of the recertification programme

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

No,
Please explain.:
Not sure at this stage

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

No,
Please explain.:
As oral health therapists we do not get paid well enough to attend many CPD things as it is. Unless the dental council is going to provide more affordable CPD activities in all the cities (not just the main centers) then how can we achieve anything in a year. Two year cycle is more realistic.

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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.:

This would be hard to assess online...it will be similar to the self declaration form. What would be the point of open book online assessment when you are trying to test clinical skills and knowledge? It would be better sending everyone off to get re-examined by Otago University or AUT (practical and oral exam) once every 5 years if that is the way you want to assess practitioners.

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.:

It takes time to build-up your skills and knowledge so testing every year will be fruitless.

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?

Everything. I believe that everyone should be mentored in their first few years because it helps you build relationships with you colleagues/peers, skills and also give you support in every aspect of your jobs.

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

No,

Please explain.:

Not at this stage

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

just right,

Please explain.:

BUT depend on the individual, some people may need more mentoring/support.

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.:

YES all should have to have mentoring as things change in our industry and if you are coming back to dentistry after many years things may have changed and you will need support.

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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.:

Why just eyes??? What if someone is developing Parkinson's disease? Why not get all practitioners over 45 years to have a full medical to make sure they are fit to practice (both mentally and physically).

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?

No

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

At the moment practitioners are too scared to report anyone they think may not be fit to practice/non compliant as it may impact on their job prospects and job security. There is no way they can do this anonymously without their work/colleagues finding out. Can there be a system where you feel safe reporting practitioners that are not compliant/etc without repercussion to your own job and job security.

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