



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 oral health therapist**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

A practitioner will no longer have to earn CPD points as such, professional development is based on quality instead of quantity instead. Setting learning objectives and reflecting on professional development is something we do often in the DHB and I find it very beneficial.

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

A professional peer should be able to be a professional group that meets to discuss case studies and organises local speakers and the like. At Waikato DHB we have pods that we are a part of as well as our professional associations. A professional peer seems too limiting and people may not make the effort to join in with groups as they have been. I don't feel the written attestation written by the professional peer will be truthful for some practitioners, it is too easy to get a practitioner you know to write the statement for you. The peer may not feel that they can raise any concerns they may have due to retaliation of some sort. I don't feel this will be effective. The open book assessment based on the standards framework is something practitioner will do but it doesn't mean the practitioner will follow and abide by the framework. Again I don't think this will be effective.

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I believe 4 years was too long so I am happy to do it every 1 or 2 years.

**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.:

Yes this would be great. I do wonder how much this would cost to have 'marked' though as I don't want my fees to increase.

**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** ,

Please explain.:

Every two or three years to stagger the cost for getting it 'marked', 4 years is too long.

**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?

The mandatory mentoring programme is a great idea

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

I think all looks good, I just have a concern if the new registrant doesn't get on with their mentor and who is involved if there is a conflict or personality clash which then affects their professional development and learning, and competence in the long run.

**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**

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

Working with Dental Schools to increase exposure to a range of work prior to graduation. Worklife is very very different than dental school in terms of the work and patient workload.

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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?

Vision testing is a good idea.

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Start the age for eye testing much earlier to start from when you are a new registrants. Can the Dental Council partner with a provider for practitioners to get tested for a subsidised rate.

**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?

Additional assessments for practitioners with multiple complaints or notifications made against them

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Who is involved with doing the additional assessments? These practitioners need to be providing evidence based dentistry to patients. Who decides whether their practice is safe and they are competent? Some work completed by dentists is not up to scratch because the dentist is more focused on the 'ortho' work they are providing and the caries and oral health care is overlooked. This is of huge concern. Is the public safe? Are they being lied to about the work they have received? Are they aware of the qualification the practitioner has?

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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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