

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

**on behalf of a company or organisation** ,

If group, company or organisation, please specify::

Northland DHB dentists and dental specialists

**Q3** Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents

**a registered dentist or dental specialist** ,

**a district health board**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

We feel eye examinations are important  
The quality rather than quantity approach

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

We feel this new process will put new strain on competent dentists working within their scope as it is very lengthy. Yearly PDP and PDAs seem to be very frequent, 3-4 year cycle is good for if maternity leave is taken or a sabbatical etc. Concerns around cost of new setup which will go back to the practitioners. Response for feedback -time very short to consider the document. Mentoring is unrealistic. Would need 200 mentors per year. Hard to find 70 for new grads, relies on good will of a few practitioners, and there are differing levels of mentoring. We feel that targeting 40 years plus for eye exams is not needed- all ages should be tested.

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

3-4 year cycle is good for if maternity leave is taken or a sabbatical 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.:

We do not have a problem with this aspect

**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 three 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?

We have a mentoring programme for house officers

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Some new registrants need more mentoring than others - it should be flexible

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

Please explain.:

Either too short or too long Some new registrants need more mentoring than others - it should be flexible

**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.:

If a dentist is from a country with similar training to NZ and has experience they should be exempt

**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

**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.:

All ages eye exam

**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.

**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**