

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 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?

To have a planned approach towards professional development

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

1. Remove the part requiring nomination of a professional peer: To appoint a professional peer in order to support, maintain and enhance professional development is subjective. It could be cause for conflict and there is no evidence to support the idea. A committed practitioner would know the areas he needs to improve or learn something new!
2. Remove written statements: Writing plans and proposals are an addition to an already burdensome work and family life routine. There is no evidence to support the idea!
3. Remove online assessment

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

No,

Please explain.:

12 months recertification cycle is okay but writing reports and assessments is a bit too much!

Phase two consultation on recertification

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.:
There is no evidence to prove that this is a method of assuring quality.

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 ,
Please explain.:
There should be enough time for evidence based knowledge to come through for it to be implemented in day to day practice.

Q9 Do you have other proposals about our proposed core recertification programme you would like us to consider? Please explain.

None

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

Q10 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for supporting new registrants?

Mentoring programme

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
One year would be reasonable. A written statement by the mentor would be appropriate in this situation

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

too long ,
Please explain.:
It should be optional and supported by the mentor

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 sure

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

None

Page 5: Area three: addressing health-related competence decline concerns

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

None

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

No compulsory health checks please. Good health is fundamental to everyone's well being. If something was wrong with the eyes, I would expect any sane person to get it checked anyway! I would. Why eyes only! What about other physical, mental and emotional disorders!

Q17 Do you have other proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would like us to consider? Please explain.

None

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?

mentors or peer support

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

No,

Please explain.:

It seems okay

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

None

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?

I think the current system is good and works for practitioners who are dedicated to the profession.

Dental Council should focus resources on identifying people who need help or repeated offenders and improving standards.

There are only ~4000 professionals unlike other countries.

New Zealand should develop its own unique system of public assurance rather than borrowing fragments from other countries or associations.

Do we not have the ability to develop our own system?
