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**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?

mentoring for new registrants

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

professional development plan ! it makes no sense to plan things a head & maybe not being able to commit to it later for any reason ! peer review ! how can you pick up someone to review your work when you don't even know if that person is competent or not ! it's like we will go & check the work for others then decide to pick someone to review ! the 2 yearly eye check up ! I think any one even if not a dentist will usually get their eye sight checked every year ! I don't think any one will not be aware if they can't see properly .

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

we are all humans & circumstances changes all the time , dentists can get sick ,pregnant , travel or simply even take time off work to mental recovery if they were under stress , our job is stressful from all aspects specially practice owners as they deal with staff & management , money issues on top of patients care & problems ..etc & this yearly recertification will add an extra stress for all , dentists may have families to look after as well maybe an old or sick kid or parents , life is hard as it is without working in dentistry !

**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 are a lot of dentists who are good in theory but that doesn't mean that they are good in practical aspects & vise versa so having an open book assessment can't be a tool to assess skills !

**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 four years** ,

Please explain.:

if it will be done four yearly it will be good enough & less stressful , competence can deteriorate over few years but not every year !

**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 mentoring program

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I think one year mentoring program is good , I graduated from Iraq & all newly graduated dentists used to go for a year of mentoring program which was called rotation residency ie 2 months in endo ,2 months surgery ,2 months pros ...etc , two years is too long .

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

**too ,  
long**  
Please explain.:  
as mentioned before

**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.:  
for general dentists new registrants mentoring program is good but for the specialist I think there should be an individual assessment rather than generalized one.

**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.:  
I can't understand the 2 yearly eye check , I mentioned before that no normal person even if not a dentist will feel that they can't see properly & yet ignore it or not check their eye sight ! I started wearing glasses 8 years ago & I check my eye sight every year & I get a regular reminders from my optometrists !

**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?

**Yes,**  
Please explain.:  
it depends on what the complaints were about ? for an example if there were many complaints about a general dentist who is doing bad cases of implant or ortho then yes an assessment will be required but if it was a complaint about a filling that went bad or over charge ..etc then there will be no point .

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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.

infection control .

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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?

no

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