

Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission

**Q1** This submission was completed by:

Name

**Roanne Cochrane**

**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?

Nothing

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Area 1 is where I have an issue. Is it really necessary to enforce such rigidity? Between the high fees for re certification and now this, I'm really regretting this profession. Is anyone who is actually involved in the profession coming up with these ideas? Becoming a nanny state

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Would be easier than trying to workout how many hours to do each year- would make it a lot clearer.

## 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.:  
We aren't in school anymore- this is a bit insulting

**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**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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### Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

Excellent idea

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

**Yes,**  
Please explain.:  
2 years mentoring is a tad excessive- 1 year should be general rule UNLESS the clinician requires further mentoring. The person mentoring the new grad should be consulted

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

**too long**,  
Please explain.:  
As above

**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.:  
I think new grads may THINK they're ready to go out with no mentoring but experience has taught me better. Do we know when we're ignorant?

**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

## Phase two consultation on recertification

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

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Eye exam cost to be included in registration fee

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**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?

I like it

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

There should be harsher penalties/consequences for practitioners with numerous complaints. The amount of non ethical treatment received by some patients from oral health professionals... I could write a book. Very frustrating to witness repeat offenders too. This issue definitely needs to be regulated. I think there should be more focus on this as opposed to area 1- area 1 is punishing practitioners who have done nothing wrong by enforcing a blanket rule- being tarred with the same brush.

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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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