

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?

The mission to improve the standards of NZ dentistry

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I have been the Clinical Director of the largest practice in New Zealand running up to 16 dentists and 6 hygienists for 16 years. We run a mentoring and peer review system and terminating contracts where people are unable to meet our standards. Even in a cohesive group in one location this a difficult and time consuming exercise. My concerns of the proposals are, 1. A yearly as review as proposed will be unnecessarily time consuming and lacking a long term view of re education and training. I think a 3 yearly cycle would be more workable option. 2. The mentoring system is open to manipulation through mutual agreement. 3. I think a proper practice clinical audit is the only true way of assessing competency of clinicians. 4.A comprehensive review of the eye test component needs to done to assess the steps be used by the practitioner to compensate changes in eyesight.

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

No,

Please explain.:

Unmanageable due to the excessive time and manpower to monitor this.

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

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.

Clinical audit every 3 to 5 years

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

No

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.

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

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

Respondent skipped this question

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
