

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 oral health therapist**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

the yearly test is a good idea, proves that you are keeping up with the standards

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I think that doing a peer review/assessment every year seems very excessive. This would possibly be more appropriate every 2-3 years and same with the professional development statements. This seems to be going from one extreme, minimal to no monitoring, to the other extreme, eyes watching your every move. I feel a few of these changes on their own would be enough to help keep closer tabs on what people are doing and that they are working within the standards framework. I do agree with relevant PDA's however for those working in a rural practice this requires a lot of travel and expense to keep up. It would be nice to be able to do more things via webinars rather than having to travel.

## Phase two consultation on recertification

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

the proposed changes to the recertification process if to go through would put a lot of strain on practitioners to get this completed every year. Also what happens if someone is sick for 12 months with Cancer or other illnesses or has maternity leave? are these people still expected to complete the required PDA's etc in this 12 months? or risk losing their licence.

**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.:

I think its one thing keeping up with all the changes in the new recommendations of what to do and its another to assess them on it. I have three dentists here who all do things slightly different who all achieve the same results. We have all done our time through university this sounds a bit to big brotherly. assessment of things like infection control, infectious disease guidelines would be more appropriate as show people are aware of them and more likely to be following the correct guideline

**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?

both things, new registrants should be mentored no matter if they are dentists or oral health therapists

**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?

**No,**

Please explain.:

depends if they have previously practiced overseas for a set number (unsure how long you would say) then they should be exempt from the mentoring

**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

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

I think yes over a certain age then an eye test should be undertaken

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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.:  
Maybe 40 is a bit young??

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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?

both things sound really good

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

**No**

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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