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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?

2 years supervision for new graduates.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I believe most of the proposals are very unwieldy and difficult both for the dentist and also the NZDC to control. How do you quantify competence? We have a perfectly workable peer review system in place for the dentists that require it. It seems you are re-inventing something that is already there and working. The NZDC has not to my knowledge, given a reason as to why they feel we need to have an overhaul of the re-certification process. Has there been a big increase in malpractice claims? Has there been a big increase in complaints by the general public against more and more dentists?

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

No,

Please explain.:

Extra work for both NZDC and the dentists. Again, what is wrong with the present system? One year is a very short time to accumulate CPD points if one is unwell, on maternity leave or overseas for a time of the year.

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.:

How do you police it? How do you guarantee that the correct person is 'on the computer' doing the test? I think going to numerous courses, where you are identified as being there, and also having good peer contact time is a much better and effective method.

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 ,

Please explain.:

I don't support it, so the longer time the better. I do support increasing the number of hours of CPD that a dentist needs to attain in any given cycle.

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?

I think 2 years is a good length of time.

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,

Please explain.:

But the question is how do you find the mentors? Given say 60 grads a year, that's 120 mentors needed. Who vets the ability of those 120 mentors to be of a sufficient standard to be capable?

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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?

No

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.:

If you have a practitioner that is recurringly non-compliant, then they should not be practicing. I really believe that the NZDC should be more focused on these types than involving the vast majority of compliant and capable dentists with this onerous system.

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

Second offence, removal from practice .

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