

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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

Sarah Whitehead

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?

Nothing

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

I would keep the existing programme of CPD points. I am concerned about the following, - the short recertification cycle. -it is unclear whether the aim is to improve compliance or competence. -how can a professional peer provide the described role if they themselves are incompetent? -how is the dental council going to control possible conflicts of interest or bias within a peer relationship? -What responsibility does the peer have regarding their colleagues competence/compliance?

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

No,

Please explain.:

12 months is a short period of time. It does not allow for planned or unplanned changes of circumstance, for example; maternity leave or having to care for a sick family member. The quality of courses coming to New Zealand are incredibly poor and very limited, and travelling overseas to attend decent continuing education is not always possible on a yearly basis. The existing 4 year cycle allows one to plan ahead and compensate for the above situations.

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.:

An open-book assessment is insulting. This does not assess competence, this assesses comprehension. How will this protect the public against incompetent practitioners?

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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?

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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
