

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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

Tanya Cleland

Q2 Are you making this submission

as a registered practitioner

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents

**a registered dental therapist,
an education provider,
a registered orthodontic auxiliary**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

It is fair, targeted appropriately at the perceived and known at risk groups and transparent

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

No,
Please explain.:
However, I feel that those people who are employed ie not business owners will need much better support from their employers to be able to meet the requirements

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

Yes

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.:

I think it would be better to have something like this on practice standards, scope of practice, ethics and cultural competency etc so that at least people will refresh their knowledge of these core DCNZ principles. I think technical and clinical knowledge in an open book is counter productive since people can just look online - rather have much better seminars, conferences and hands-on programmes.

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 two 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?

Excellent- this needs to be more consistent across public and private organisations.

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

No,

Please explain.:

This is an excellent idea. Many new registrants feel they are "thrown in the deep end" with such high productivity expectations that they don't have time to develop their confidence and hone their skills with the support and mentoring of a suitable person for a specified amount of time

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?

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

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

No concerns

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

No,

Please explain.:

Already having regular eye checks. I have no issue with declarations about fitness to practice

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,

Please explain.:

I feel that practitioners who have been around since registration has begun have had sufficient time to be aware of their obligations under the Act and need to be more accountable for their actions.

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
