

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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

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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?

Nothing, I don't believe this will address the problems dentistry in NZ is facing.

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

Yes,

Please explain.:

1. The Peer Relationship Concept. This will become a box ticking exercise by dentists in order to comply. 2 PDP An open book test does nothing to protect the public. How do you plan for this when the dental education courses are all announced in the short term? There is a lack of independent dental courses in NZ which are not marketing exercises by interested parties. 3.Support for new Registrants This is already provided by the NZDA. I don't believe mentoring will achieve anything . It places an unrealistic burden on general practitioners and there is too great a variation on the experience and ability of the overseas trained dentists who are entering NZ. 4. health related competence decline. This is very hard to accurately assess but if dentists are to be subjected to this then the members of the Dental Council should also be tested, especially if they are making important decisions that affect the protection and the health of the public.

Phase two consultation on recertification

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

No,
Please explain.:
This time frame is too short

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.:
Don't be stupid, an open book test will not test the technical and clinical knowledge and skills.

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?

Please explain.:
This should not be supported it will not achieve any thing

Q9 Do you have other proposals about our proposed core recertification programme you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Yes rethink it and start again!

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

Its unworkable

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
I don't believe mentoring will achieve anything . It places an unrealistic burden on general practitioners and there is too great a variation in the experience and ability of the overseas trained dentists who are entering NZ to be supported by a mentoring program. I am very concerned about the lack of clinical skills and diagnostic ability of some of the overseas trained dentists. I am appalled by what I am seeing happening in Christchurch to date.

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?

No,
Please explain.:
I don't believe mentoring will achieve anything . It places an unrealistic burden on general practitioners and there is too great a variation on the experience and ability of the overseas trained dentists who are entering NZ.

Q14 Do you have other proposals about supporting new registrants you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Ensure that all dentists are adequately trained at a NZ Dental School for NZ conditions before they even enter the workforce. Then you will not have this problem.

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?

This is very hard to accurately assess but if dentists are to be subjected to this then the members of the Dental Council should also be tested, especially if they are making important decisions that affect the protection and the health of the public.

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
rethink it

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?

It lacks detail

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?

If you are concerned about the competence and quality of dental care in NZ then you should audit practices. Until until you take this step you have no way of measuring or making any qualified judgements about the competency of practitioners or the risk to the general public.
