

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?

The Mentorship programme for newly registered/newly qualified dentists.

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

- Definition of "peer" needs to be more clear, will international professional peers qualify? - Most Dentist may assign their friends as Peers which negates the purpose of proper assessment. -Measuring outcomes can be difficult depending upon the location and type of practice Eg: Emergency Dentists versus Dentist in Family/Gen. Practice. -Regular Eye Test needs to be more universal as opposed to just over a certain age.

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

**No,**

Please explain.:

The number of PDA activities and Self reflective essays etc will be hard to achieve on a annual basis. May be 2 yearly?

## 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.:

Yes and No...How would this help? An open book/online search can "cheat" the system, not really contribute to the objective of this process.

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**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** ,

Please explain.:

Things are rapidly changing in Dentistry. We need to keep up with Clinical based/ Evidence based dentistry. 1 year is too soon, 3 years it too long. 2 years probably works better.

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

If you are considering Patient wellbeing, where is the feedback portal for them in this Re-certification process?

Example: just a scroll through Google reviews from patients will give you a good idea of a practitioner and the standards of their practice. Most negative reviews will have a general trend.

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Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

Mentorship Programme

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

-How are you going to assign the mentors? -Location can be a problem.

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

**just right,**

Please explain.:

As an overseas Dentist, 2 year mentorship was just great when I started working in NZ..but may be an extra year of supervised/ working alongside a senior dentist ( again, definition needs to be clear) helps a lot.

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**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.:

All new registrants ( overseas qualified and NZ qualified) both need a mentor just as much.

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## Phase two consultation on recertification

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

Overseas dentists will benefit a lot from a quick update/ refreshers course on ACC/DB/SDB rules and how things are done in NZ. Also, they need to be educated on practice standards and employment laws etc ( May not be within the scope of this re-certification process but it is a very crucial part.) As an overseas Dentist, these are the factors that will help shape a better dental service delivery system and safeguard the patients.

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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?

Competence is very variable. A competent Dentist may be incapacitated by alcohol/drugs/mental health issues etc.

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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.:

Why single out Dentists over 40 years, younger ones can have eye related issues too. 2 yearly check up needs to be more universal.

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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.

Mental health ( an open discussion needs to be done in this area especially in Dentistry)

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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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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?

Seems like the process is going off with "research" more than the practicality of implementing it. Also, it doesn't seem to really addressing the issue of "safeguarding" the public. Follow the reviews by patients for a negative trend for a particular practice/practitioner.

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