

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

**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 oral health therapist**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

It's good to re-look over the recertification programme and to see where areas can be improved upon.

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

**No**

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I believe that although we have had a recertification programme in place for many years as with any programme it's important to reflect upon it's purpose and it's affect. If the programme is no longer working or we are seeing more risks than benefits then it's time to re-look at how that can be improved to allow practitioners to work confidently, safety and to better treat their communities.

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**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?

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

I think that sometimes we all need a refresher course no matter how long you have been practicing. It's important to go back to basics again and gain fresh perspective on our work and role as a dental practitioner. It's also a good chance for practitioners to also learn new knowledge and techniques that they may not have learnt during their studies. Science and medicine is constantly evolving and we need to equip our practitioners with the correct tools and knowledge for them to have the best outcome with any case.

**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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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,**

Please explain.:

two year mentorship is a great time for new registrants to learn the ropes of the industry. It's hard for new registrants to get a full grasp of full time work, communication with patients, patient care, dental program software and time management. Therefore, having a mentorship program allows new registrants to slowly build up confidence and learn from a mentors on how to manage and best serve their community.

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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?

**No,**

Please explain.:

Every new registrant should be in a mentoring programme. No matter how confident or knowledgeable they are. Coming out of dental school and going into full time work can often be daunting for a lot of new registrants. It's important that we train up the next generation of practitioners with confidence and passing on wisdom and knowledge so they are better prepared.

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

**Yes,**

Please explain.:

Eye-exam is great, but also full body health examination for those practicing over 40 years of age. It's important that each practitioner is also healthy and able body to treat their patients. eye sight, hearing, joints and reflex checks (arthritis checks)

**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**

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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**

**Q19** Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would change?

**No**

**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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**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?

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Respondent skipped this question