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From: Julie Miller  
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To: Consultations  
Subject: Proposed Irish Prescribed Qualifications

*Do you agree/disagree with the proposed addition of Dental Council of Ireland accredited dentistry programmes as prescribed qualifications for the New Zealand general dental practice scope of practice?*

I would like to say that I agree with the proposal outlined for accrediting the 2 Irish dental programmes as prescribed qualifications.

I am a Canadian working in Nelson. I completed a BSc in Canada before moving to Ireland for my dental training. I graduated from University College Cork in 2020 with a BDS (Hons). I was able to write my Canadian board exams in Ireland and then moved home to Canada to work for a couple years before moving to New Zealand. I have made lots of friends along the way, training in many different universities. Based on these conversations and the feedback from my employers along the way I feel that the program in Cork was fantastic and prepared me for my career in dentistry. Not only did I qualify with far more clinical experience than my Canadian counterparts, I also felt the program was taught and conducted in a manor that encouraged me to think critically to provide the best evidence based dentistry that I can. This is a huge learning curve when you leave dental school and are working out on your own, however, I felt that I was adequately trained and felt confident in my abilities (and limitations). I am very grateful I chose UCC for my dental training over a Canadian programme.

From my personal experience, I feel that a graduate from either programme outlined would be very qualified to work here in NZ.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like more information.

Cheers,

Julie