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To whom it may concern,

I would like to raise the issue of postgraduate students in the fee summary. Currently there is no deduction for dentists going back to specialise. Currently I am a medical student at the University of Otago, hoping to practise in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery. I practise very little general dentistry, only a few hours a week maximum to try and pay a number of bills I have. We take a massive salary cut, and have ridiculously big student loans, are hit by multiple fees to practise without any of the scholarships the other dental specialties have. There should be some recognition of this in the fees, in recognition of our part time status, and future contribution to the specialty.

Kind regards,

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