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Q1

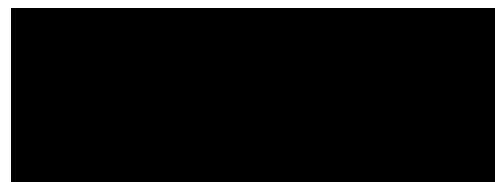
First name

Ashwin

Q2

Last name

Prabhu



Q4

Overseas

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

Company/organisation name

Q6

Registered oral health practitioner

In what capacity are you making this submission?

Page 3: About your submission

Q7

Dentist

What is your profession?

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

Page 4: Proposed registration pathways

Q9

No

Do you believe the proposed changes will help reduce barriers to registration for suitably trained overseas practitioners?

Q10

Please tell us why:

By trying to remove registration requirements for overseas trained dentists there poses a risk to public safety. This will lead to problems down the line and the barriers to registration will once again go up. Therefore it will ultimately not reduce barriers to OTDs. Suitably trained OTDs would be those whose qualifications are already recognised (e.g. UK, Aus).

Page 5: Introduction of the proposed 'Competent authority - registration' pathway

Q11

Support

Do you support the introduction of the 'Competent authority - registration' pathway? [Click to learn more](#) about the proposed pathway

Q12

Please tell us why:

This pathway is okay as it would be comparable with NZ. In addition the overseas registration exam of the GDC (UK) should be recognised if the board exams of the US and Canada are recognised.

Page 6: Introduction of the proposed 'Comparable health system' pathway

Q13

Oppose

Do you support the introduction of the 'Comparable health system' pathway for dentists? [Click to learn more](#) about the proposed pathway

Q14

Please tell us why:

For qualifications not recognised (UK, Aus, etc.?) there should be one standard for overseas trained dentists (OTDs), that is board exams, etc. If there is a shortage of dentists in NZ then there can be a pathway through an exam or otherwise that may be more comprehensive and not too difficult to pass. Once passed enter clinical practice through a program of supervision if necessary before gaining full registration to practice. I think the above is a fair process for all OTDs. OTD's should not be divided into 2 categories, i.e. one group which needs to do exams and another which does not in order to obtain NZ registration. All OTDs should be eligible to go through the same pathway. The proposed pathway which bypasses exams is favourable for some OTDs and the registration system would be discriminatory against those who need to do the exams. It sets a negative precedent. In addition, removing registration requirements for the other OTDs would pose a risk to public safety. This will lead to problems down the line and the barriers to registration will once again go up. Therefore it will ultimately not reduce barriers to OTDs. Suitably trained OTDs would be those whose qualifications are already recognised (e.g. UK, Aus). The proposed comparable health system does not take into account OTDs who would have worked in NZ/Aus as other registered dental practitioners e.g. oral health therapists, dental hygienists etc. In this latter scenario, the health system is comparable though the full range of clinical duties would be less than a dentist.

Page 7: Introduction of the proposed 'Teaching and research' pathway

Q15

Support

Do you support the introduction of the 'Teaching and research' pathway? Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

Q16

Please tell us why:

Since teaching/research does not involve patient contact it should be okay. If it involves in anyway in being in a clinical environment for the purpose of teaching then there can be a supervisor to broadly oversee the activities of the one who takes part under the proposed pathway.

Page 9: Proposed removal of requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration

Q17

Support

Do you support removing the requirement for a medical degree for oral medicine specialist registration in New Zealand, subject to the relevant medical training and clinical experiences being embedded into the specialist training programme? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q18

Please tell us why:

In undergraduate and specialist training there is enough medical background to be competent in oral medicine.

Page 10: Proposed removal of requirement to register in dental technology before registering in CDT

Q19

Support

Do you support removing the requirement to register in dental technology before registering in clinical dental technology? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q20

Please tell us why:

There is no need to do so.

Page 11: Proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements

Q21

Oppose

Do you support the proposed changes to the New Zealand registration examination requirements? Click to learn more about the proposed changes.

Q22

Please tell us why:

There should be no problem as the requirements in the US are of a high standard in order to practise as a dentist. If the examination system in the relevant US jurisdiction is seen as something which qualifies one to practise there, it should be satisfactory.

Page 12: Proposed administrative changes to the prescribed qualifications

Q23

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have feedback on the proposed administrative changes to prescribed qualifications for any of the scopes of practice, as reflected in the draft Gazette notices?

Q24

Please tell us your feedback. When discussing multiple scopes, please indicate clearly which scope of practice you are referring to in your comment.

n/a

Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

Q25

No

Do you find the proposed fees for the new registration pathways reasonable? Proposed fee notice

Q26

Please tell us why or why not?

They are costly. Focus must be to minimise administrative duties in order to reduce costs.

Page 14: Thank you for your time

Q27

Respondent skipped this question

Is there any additional feedback you would like to share on the consultation?
