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Q1

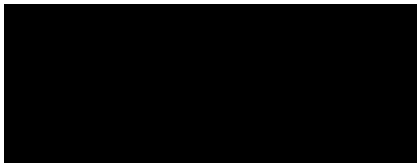
First name

Catalina

Q2

Last name

Pizarro



Q4

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

Overseas,  
If overseas, where?:  
Australia

Q5

Company/organisation name

Respondent skipped this question

Q6

In what capacity are you making this submission?

Registered oral health practitioner

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Q7

What is your profession?

Dentist

Q8

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

Respondent skipped this question

Page 4: Proposed registration pathways

**Q9**

**Yes**

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

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**Q10**

Please tell us why:

I believe these new registration pathways are very important because they open doors and create new opportunities. Sometimes, having to sit exams can be overwhelming and frustrating. New pathways, such as the Comparable Health Systems Pathway, where the applicant is supervised and later assessed to determine whether they can practise independently in New Zealand, can offer a better opportunity to engage with patients from day one. This makes the experience more professional and realistic, while also allowing applicants to rely on the support of a supervisor who can guide them throughout the process.

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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](#)

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**Q12**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please tell us why:

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

**Q13**

**Support**

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

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**Q14**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please tell us why:

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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](#)

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**Q16**

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

**Q17**

No opinion/NA

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.

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**Q18**

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

**Q19**

No opinion/NA

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.

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**Q20**

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

**Q21**

Support

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

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**Q22**

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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Page 12: Proposed administrative changes to the prescribed qualifications

**Q23**

All scopes

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?

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Q24

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

I support the proposed administrative changes to prescribed qualifications across the scope of practice, including general dentistry and other dental specialties. These changes have the potential to modernise the registration process, reduce unnecessary barriers, and better recognise the skills and experience of internationally trained practitioners.

In particular, more flexible pathways, such as supervised practice models, can help ensure patient safety while allowing practitioners to integrate into the New Zealand healthcare system in a more practical and realistic way. This approach supports professional development, encourages early patient engagement, and provides structured guidance through supervision.

Overall, these administrative changes can contribute to a more efficient, fair, and workforce responsive registration system, while maintaining high professional and clinical standards across all scopes of practice.

Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

Q25

Yes

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

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why or why not?

Page 14: Thank you for your time

Q27

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

If these changes are implemented, when is it estimated that the registration process would begin? Additionally, would Chile be considered one of the countries with a health system comparable to New Zealand's under these pathways?