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Page 2: About your submission

**Q1**

First name

Danni

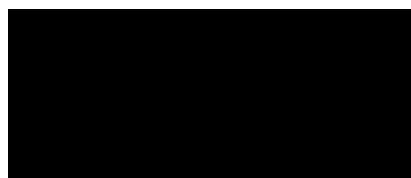
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**Q2**

Last name

Chen

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**Q4**

**New Zealand**

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

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**Q5**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Company/organisation name

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**Q6**

**Registered oral health practitioner**

In what capacity are you making this submission?

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Page 3: About your submission

**Q7**

**Dentist**

What is your profession?

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**Q8**

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

20568

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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:

It seems the new system is significantly easier to progress through than the current system for overseas trained dentists

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

**Q11**

**Oppose**

Do you support the introduction of the 'Competent authority - registration' pathway? Click to learn more about the proposed pathway

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**Q12**

Please tell us why:

Six months of practice under the oversight of a Council-approved practitioner - I believe this is too short. As a New Zealand graduate, we would have spent at least 4 years learning and adapting to the dental system in NZ, learning specifically about providing care in a way that is compatible and competent to NZ. I believe 6 months is not enough time.

For example, a NZ trained graduate requires at least 2 years of supervised practice AND competency assessment among other requirements to gain full registration in Singapore. I think we should adapt a similar model.

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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

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**Q14**

Please tell us why:

I believe it will be difficult for the council to assess the competency of every program in all 21 countries - are we truly confident that every graduate across all 21 countries has the same education, qualification and skills? How will the council ensure the same level of competency is achieved throughout the candidates without specific exams? I also believe 12 months onsite supervision is not long enough.

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

**Q15**

**Oppose**

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

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**Q16**

Please tell us why:

I'm unsure of the benefit or merit of allowing an individual who is not permitted to practise on their own in NZ to teach students. They are just starting in their health professional careers. I do not believe this will set them up for success.

I also disagree with the level of burden this places on the University, I do not believe it is fair for them to decide who is and isn't competent. I believe it is the role of the dental council to assess competency.

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

**Q17**

**Partially 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.

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**Q18**

Please tell us why:

Can the council provide further evidence to support the claim that "a stand-alone medical degree would not be required for oral medicine registration" besides that other recognised competent authorities do not need it?

As a GDP, there are many things we do not know (since we didn't do a medical degree) and rely heavily on oral medicine specialists to treat/diagnose problems we cannot. They are often patients' last resort, and we need them to be operating at a level we cannot.

If a separate medical degree is truly not needed, then it will certainly help patients access care, but I worry it's a case of "we don't know what we don't know" and patients can suffer.

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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**

Please tell us why:

It would be up to the dental technicians to have an opinion as I know very little of their training/requirements

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

**Q21**

**No opinion/NA**

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**

**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?

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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.

n/a

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Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

**Q25**

**No opinion/NA**

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

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**Q26**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please tell us why or why not?

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Page 14: Thank you for your time

**Q27**

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

I'm sceptical these changes will truly benefit patients/the profession as a whole.

At a time when complaints are increasing, and our regulatory fees with it, I do not believe we should make it easier to qualify as a dental health professional.

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