



Page 2: About your submission

Q1

First name

Ellie

Q2

Last name

Knight



Q4

New Zealand

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?

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Q7

Dental specialist

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 opinion/NA**

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

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**Q10**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please tell us why:

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

**Q11**

**No opinion/NA**

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**

**No opinion/NA**

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**

**No opinion/NA**

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**

**Oppose**

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:

I am a periodontist in private practice. I regularly refer patients to oral medicine and rely on that pathway functioning well.

The patients I refer are those where the clinical question has moved beyond my scope. For example, desquamative gingivitis where the issue is no longer periodontal management but what systemic process is driving the oral findings.

At present, referral to dual-qualified oral medicine colleagues provides a single, integrated assessment. I discuss with an oral medicine specialist or the patient attends one service, I receive a clear plan, and I am not required to coordinate multiple providers. For cases where the oral presentation is the key diagnostic feature, this is more efficient than a GP pathway, which also may result in onward referral and a longer, more convoluted process.

My concern is that if future oral medicine specialists cannot provide oral AND systemic assessment if they don't have a medical background, referrals would involve additional steps, more coordination, and greater burden for patients. It also raises the question of what value an oral medicine referral would add beyond my existing GP relationships.

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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**

**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.

Nil

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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**

**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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