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Q1

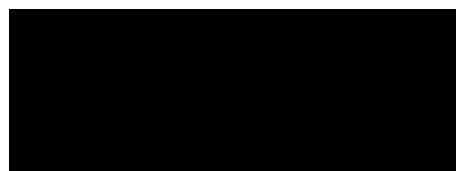
First name

James

Q2

Last name

Dawson



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?

Page 3: About your submission

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

Yes

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

Q10

Please tell us why:

Yes, it is likely that the proposed pathway will reduce a barrier to registration. This proposal assumes that barriers to entry into NZ are the primary problem affecting the NZ dental workforce, which I feel is incorrect. I understood that NZ has a reasonable number of dentists, but they are not distributed adequately (i.e. rural/ in need communities), and it is unlikely this proposal will significantly alter that.

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

Q11

Partially 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:

Seems reasonable, but what will be done if these competent authorities change their rules. There is no note in the document as whether this pathway will be reviewed after a period and changed/ removed if found problematic. 6-months supervision is a short time as often problems take longer than this to become apparent particularly in periodontal practice. Also, how is the supervising clinician being assessed for competence to supervise the document needs clear guidance of supervisor expectation. Further who pays for the supervisors' time, as if it is the applicant then this is open to manipulation which we see in other professions where the workers are taken advantage of.

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:

There is lack of clarity as to how DCNZ will ensure safety of NZ public as there appears no audit system to revise the system. I question how the comparable health systems chosen as some of the listed health systems appear to have well documented issues (as noted in media), and whilst there is some medical health data, there is lack of oral health data. How adept is the council to alter the pathway if political interference/ manipulation occurs which may not be in the best interest of NZ. Further, DCNZ reports a rise in competence notifications, and this has been funded by an increased in disciplinary levies – an increase in overseas registrants may lead to more complaints (as they are unfamiliar with New Zealand nuances, cultural differences, treaty obligations). I question whether the treaty commitment can be met with an online course. Also, this pathway needs a comprehensive supervisor training/ accreditation pathway to ensure supervisor consistence and competence. If DCNZ recognises these practitioners are increased risk to patient safety in NZ (increased supervisor time, only a GDP pathway) I question if this pathway should even exist.

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

Q15

Partially 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:

NZ universities need to be able to encourage teaching staff. It appears that these applicants cannot undertake clinical practice at any location. A large part of working in university requires clinical management of patients with/ on behalf of students. These applicants should be able to carry out clinical work in the University setting. However, should this pathway exist if they are not capable of meeting the individual assessment pathway as this risks placing inferior clinicians in teaching roles where our future dentists are learning the fundamentals for the rest of their career. Further, more clarification is required regarding 'recognised overseas oral health registering or licensing body'.

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:

NZ has a shortage of oral medicine practitioners. Oral med in Australia do not need medicine degree, and the medical degree is potentially a barrier to having them come to NZ

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.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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.

Q22

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

Yes

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

Q26

Please tell us why or why not?

The costs should completely cover the costs to undertake the administration for registration.

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?
