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Q1

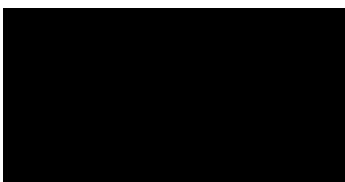
First name

Jessica

Q2

Last name

Buchanan



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

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

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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?

Q10

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

Q14

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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.](#)

Q18

Please tell us why:

Oral medicine is the specialty concerned with the care of children and adults with a diagnosis of chronic, and recurrent medically related disorders of the mouth, face and jaws. The specialty of oral medicine involves diagnosis and non-surgical management of those patients and importantly it is the interface between medicine and dentistry. It is essential that a medical degree continues to be a requirement for oral medicine specialist registration within New Zealand to allow for safe, timely and accurate patient centred care.

Retaining the medical degree should be compared to the requirements of the specialty of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery which maintains the medical degree requirement "for patient safety" as acknowledged by the DCNZ. The standard for Oral Medicine should be no different given the similar patient safety considerations and complexity of practice within New Zealand.

As a dual-qualified specialist (medicine and dentistry), who has worked in oral medicine departments alongside dual-qualified oral medicine specialists, the medical degree for oral medicine is essential to provide timely and safe patient care while responding to the increasingly complex nature of medical practice including prescribing rights. The practice of oral medicine has a unique place within dentistry as its communities of care include colleagues and patients referred from or between Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Oncology, Rheumatology, Maxillofacial Surgery and Pain services to name just a few medical specialties. The standalone medical degree means that the Oral Medicine specialty is known to provide well respected outcomes and a high standard of care for patients who have medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region.

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

Oral medicine

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.

Please refer to my previous feedback on the importance and need for a standalone medical degree for Oral Medicine.

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

Q26

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why or why not?

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?