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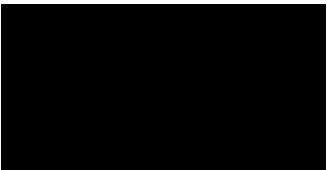
First name

Tessa

Q2

Last name

Chirayath



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

Dentist

What is your profession?

Q8

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

21929

Page 4: Proposed registration pathways

Q9

No

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

Q10

Please tell us why:

The requirement to complete a Medical degree as part of Oral Medicine training is mandatory to gain the sufficient knowledge and skills to enter this Specialty programme. Simply removing it altogether does not reduce barriers to entry, but takes away from the fundamental training required for prospective Oral Medicine Specialists.

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](#)

Q12

Please tell us why:

The Oral Medicine qualification for overseas-trained clinicians does not require Medicine as part of the training programme (such as is required in NZ). This means that there is the risk of a knowledge/experience “gap” between overseas-trained vs domestically-trained Specialists.

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:

A Dental Council of NZ registration has been set up to meet the standards of dental practitioners within NZ, that is relevant to our practicing environment (e.g. social and cultural), and based on the standards of our undergraduate training. In order to ensure overseas-trained dentists from a “comparable health system” meet these standards, they must be subject to the same training as domestically-trained dentists.

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](#)

Q16

Please tell us why:

Similarly, clinicians holding teaching/research positions have a duty to the general public of New Zealand to have the relevant knowledge and understanding of the dental health system and oral health needs of the New Zealand. This can only be obtained with an NZ-based qualification.

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:

Medical training is essential to producing competent Oral Medicine Specialists, who deal with patients with systemic illness/disease and often comorbidities beyond the scope of dental and oral health. For example, prescribing of systemic medicines (such as corticosteroids), and liaising and working alongside Medical practitioners (e.g. oncology patients). Therefore a much more rigorous training programme (with the requirement of a Medical degree) is essential to ensure Oral Medicine Specialists are competent and ensure patients receive safe and effective treatment outcomes.

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

Q19

Oppose

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

Oppose

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 the previous comments regarding 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?
