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Page 2: About your submission

**Q1**

First name

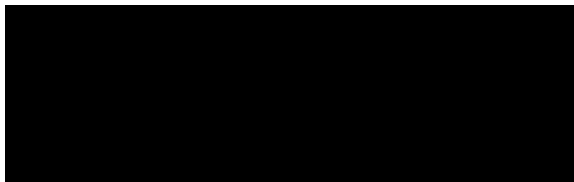
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**Q2**

Last name

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**Q4**

**New Zealand**

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

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**Q5**

Company/organisation name

Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago

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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**

**Dental specialist**

What is your profession?

**Q8**

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

10847

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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:

These propositions will enhance the capacity of the oral health workforce in New Zealand by enabling a greater number of practitioners to enter the profession, addressing a critical national need. Furthermore, they will strengthen the recruitment and retention of international academic oral health professionals within our Dental Faculty

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

**Q11**

**Support**

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:

This proposition will facilitate the entry of additional practitioners into the workforce while ensuring rigorous oversight through a six-month period of supervised practice

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Page 6: Introduction of the proposed 'Comparable health system' pathway

**Q13**

**Support**

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:

This proposition will facilitate the entry of additional practitioners into the workforce while ensuring rigorous oversight through a twelve-month period of supervised practice

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

**Q15**

**Support**

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:

This proposition will play a pivotal role in strengthening the recruitment and retention of international academic oral health professionals within the Dental Faculty, addressing an urgent workforce gap amid the global shortage of academic staff in the oral health professions

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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.

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**Q18**

Please tell us why:

As long as a medical component is incorporated into the original oral medicine specialist programme

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

**Q19**

**Partially support**

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:

Yes, if the candidate has obtained another recognized degree in oral health.

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

**Q21**

**Partially support**

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**

Please tell us why:

As long as the registration/licensing examinations include a psychomotor clinical skills assessment.

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Page 12: Proposed administrative changes to the prescribed qualifications

**Q23**

Multiple scopes (please specify):

None

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.

None

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Page 13: Proposed fees for the new registration pathways

**Q25**

**No**

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

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**Q26**

Please tell us why or why not?

Excessive registration fees risk discouraging international oral health professionals from joining or remaining in the workforce, despite their critical importance.

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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?

Developing new registration pathways for international practitioners and revising existing prescribed qualifications are critical and urgently required to meet the demands of a globalized workforce.

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