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Q1

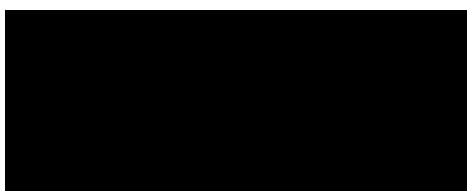
First name

Zina

Q2

Last name

Matejovsky



Q4

Are you primarily based in New Zealand or overseas?

Overseas,

If overseas, where?:

South Africa

Q5

Company/organisation name

Moss Dental

Q6

Registered oral health practitioner

In what capacity are you making this submission?

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Q7

Dentist

What is your profession?

Q8

Please enter your Dental Council Person ID, if applicable

DP 0125598

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:

However, I respectfully request that the Dental Council of New Zealand reconsider the exclusion of South Africa from the list of 21 identified countries and evaluate its inclusion based on the strength of its dental education system, regulatory oversight, and the proven performance of South African-trained dentists currently practising in New Zealand.

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

Partially support

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:

I strongly support this initiative and respectfully submit that South Africa should be included in the list of accepted comparable jurisdictions.

South Africa has a long-established, highly regulated dental education and professional training system. Dental qualifications are awarded by accredited public universities, following a minimum five-year full-time undergraduate programme, which includes extensive pre-clinical and supervised clinical training. Graduates must meet nationally standardised competency requirements before registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), the statutory regulatory authority responsible for maintaining professional, ethical, and clinical standards.

South African dental education and scope of practice are closely aligned with those of other Commonwealth and internationally recognised jurisdictions. Training emphasises:

- Evidence-based clinical practice
- Comprehensive restorative and preventive care
- Infection control and patient safety
- Professional ethics and continuing professional development

Importantly, a significant number of South African-trained dentists are already practising successfully in New Zealand, having met existing registration requirements and demonstrated safe, competent practice within the New Zealand healthcare system. This existing workforce provides real-world evidence that South African training produces dentists who are capable of integrating effectively into New Zealand clinical environments and meeting local professional expectations.

In addition, South Africa continues to be a consistent source of migrating dental professionals, many of whom seek to practise in New Zealand due to shared language, comparable healthcare systems, and similar professional standards. Excluding South Africa from the list of accepted jurisdictions creates an unnecessary barrier for a cohort of practitioners who are demonstrably well trained and who could contribute meaningfully to addressing workforce needs, particularly in underserved areas.

Including South Africa as a recognised comparable jurisdiction would:

- Maintain public safety while reducing unnecessary duplication of assessment
- Align registration pathways with actual workforce realities
- Support the Council's stated goal of improving access to qualified overseas-trained professionals
- Ensure fair, evidence-based treatment of applicants from comparable regulatory systems

Thank you for taking the time to read my answer.

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

No opinion/NA

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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

Support

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.

No Opinion

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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why or why not?

Page 14: Thank you for your time

Q27

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

No, thank you.
