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Q1

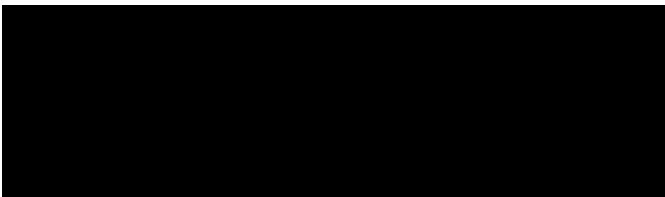
First name

Elizabeth

Q2

Last name

Fong



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

Oral health therapist

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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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:

While I support the concept, there are also things to ensure are well managed:

- Ensuring equivalence really holds in practice: Although the DCNZ has analysed the overseas jurisdictions and found equivalence for many scopes, for some scopes, there are noted concerns. Dental Council It will be important that those scopes have appropriate additional safeguards.
- Supervision and transition must be robust: The oversight after registration (for example 6 months of supervised practice) is good, but its quality and consistency will matter a lot. If the supervision is weak, the risk may increase.
- Monitoring the impact on local workforce and standards: Opening this pathway may change the dynamics of registration and the pool of practitioners. The DCNZ will need to monitor whether there are unintended consequences (e.g., practice standards, transition issues, workforce imbalances).
- Fee and cost-implications: The proposed fee for the Competent Authority Registration pathway is higher than the existing Overseas Applicant with Prescribed Qualification: for example the document lists \$1,888 (excluding GST) for that pathway. Dental Council It's important that the costs don't themselves become a barrier or a fairness issue.
- Scope limitation & risk selection: The pathway applies only to those from "recognised competent authorities" and with certain clinical practice time. This is appropriate, but it also means many overseas practitioners might still be excluded and this may lead to bottlenecks or inequities unless managed.

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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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

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

Partially 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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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.

Q20

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us why:

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.

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.

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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

Q26

Please tell us why or why not?

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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?
