

Page 2: Information about the person or organisation completing this submission

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name

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Q2 Are you making this submission

as a registered practitioner

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents

a registered dentist or dental specialist

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

Q4 What, if anything, do you like about our proposed core recertification programme?

Nothing

Q5 Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change?

Yes,

Please explain.:

The re certification programme is draconian and another example of bureaucracy getting out of hand and increasing the compliance costs of being a Dentist in New Zealand. Bureaucracy breeds bureaucracy. Bureaucrats cannot change the attitudes or standards of care available. Outliers are soon found out but attitudes and philosophy of care are not changed by bureaucratic over site. Let Professional people be just that, professional which is being responsible in a highly caring way for the " Public Weal"

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Q6 Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months?

No,

Please explain.:

Depending on circumstance one year may enable a lot of continuing education whereas other years may not allow the hours required either due to ill health, financial circumstances or Geographical circumstances. For God's sake, we are not at Dental School anymore.

Q7 Do you think our proposed core recertification programme should include a requirement for practitioners to complete an online open-book assessment of their technical and clinical knowledge and skills?

No,

Please explain.:

Open book assessment does not prove technical or clinical knowledge or skills. It just proves one can pass an open book test. I have employed over 50 Dentists in my Practising lifetime, many with post graduate degrees and Degrees with merit. Unfortunately and a surprise to me their academic achievements had no direct correlation with the standard of care their Patients received or their clinical skills.

Q8 If a proposal about an online open-book assessment of a practitioner's technical and clinical skills and knowledge is supported, how often should practitioners be required to complete an assessment?

Please explain.:

Never

Q9 Do you have other proposals about our proposed core recertification programme you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Please drop the whole idea. It is totally unnecessary and until I see some evidence for the need then the less bureaucracy in our Professional lives the better.

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

Q10 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for supporting new registrants?

I would like to see a General Practitioner training scheme for new Graduates implemented similar to the 2 year one in the UK.

Q11 Is there anything about the draft proposals for supporting new registrants you would change?

Yes,

Please explain.:

Start again.

Q12 Do you think the proposed two year minimum period for the mentoring relationship is:

just right,

Please explain.:

It takes 2 years just to learn the basics.

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Q13 Do you think all new registrants should participate in a mentoring programme, or are there some new registrants who should not be required to participate in a mentoring programme?

Yes,

Please explain.:

All new registrants should take part in a 2 year General Dental Practitioner training scheme

Q14 Do you have other proposals about supporting new registrants you would like us to consider? Please explain.

All new registrants should take part in a 2 year General Dental Practitioner training scheme

Page 5: Area three: addressing health-related competence decline concerns

Q15 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns?

Do not act like big Brother and have bureaucrats sit in judgement on Professional Dentists.

Q16 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change?

Yes,

Please explain.:

Who Judges the Judges ?

Q17 Do you have other proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would like us to consider? Please explain.

This is being done in a compassionate way now by the NZDA. The NZ Dental Council has demonstrated that it is Draconian in its dealings with Dental Practitioners in New Zealand, not in a kind and compassionate way.

Page 6: Area four: addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours

Q18 What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours?

Respondent skipped this question

Q19 Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would change?

Respondent skipped this question

Q20 Do you have other proposals for addressing recurring non-compliant practitioner behaviours you would like us to consider? Please explain.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 7: Final thoughts and comments

Q21 Do you have any other comments, suggestions or information you want to share with us about the draft proposals for improving our approach to recertification?

Leave it as it is.