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

Q1 This submission was completed by:

Name	**Bryce Ward**

Q2 Are you making this submission   **as a registered practitioner**

Q3 Please tell us which part of the sector your submission represents   **a registered clinical dental technician**

Page 3: Area one: new core recertification programme

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

I like that there are different levels of recertification for new registered practitioners and for those more experienced. The idea of mentoring for new grads is a good idea and supports them new to the working environment

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
I feel the proposed cycle is too short. 12 months goes very quickly and I would suggest a cycle of 2-3 years instead. Practitioners often specialise in different areas and for the recertification different scopes of practise should be considered when practitioners are audited.

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

No,
Please explain.:
See previous comment- 2-3 years is more practical and achievable with present workloads.

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.:
I am not sure about this as much of our work is practical.

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?

Every three years

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

Respondent skipped this question

Page 4: Area two: support for new registrants

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

I think mentoring them is a good idea and will help support them in the work environment and help maintain standards for the profession.

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

Yes,
Please explain.:
I would include an assessment of spoken and written communication skills; although any issues should have been identified during under graduate training and addressed.

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

just right

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.:
For consistency all should do this.

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

A peer group for just new graduates is a suggestion as they often have different concerns once working and as a peer group can support each other. Location to others can be an issue but could be done with video conferencing or face time, Skype etc.

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?

These are all reasonable expectations that I do already.

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

No

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

Respondent skipped this question

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?

These proposals help maintain our professional standards and the safety of the public.

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

No,
Please explain.:
All proposals appear reasonable and practical

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?

Some examples of what would be expected when reflecting on a case etc would be useful particularly when first implemented, maybe with a suggested word limit.