

Recertification

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To: Recertification

Subject: submission

Recertification Proposal submission by Kaushik Vasan [REDACTED]

I have answered the questions in red.

Questions

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

I like that you are thinking about trying to add value for recertification for dentists and the public.

2. Is there anything about our proposed core recertification programme you would change? Please explain.

I don't believe the proposed recert. Programme will show the competence of a dentist. Most dentists can write a plan/ form a plan and can show competence. Any one can form a PDP with their 'friend' and both can sign off each other's plan.

From my understanding, the issues the NZ dental council has had, with dentist incompetency is very low. You are placing a larger burden on 99.5% of dentist who are competent for the small minority who are not.

I believe the focus is not right. You need to be identifying dentists who are not performing (but are usually competent, or fake it), probably due to external problems. As well didn't the NZ dentist wellbeing survey identified 8% of dentist who should not be working! These dentist will be able to show their competence with this proposal! But this system doesn't identify them

3. Do you support our proposal to change the recertification cycle to 12 months? Please explain. No, for the again larger burden on 99.5% competent dentists in NZ.

4. 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? Please explain.

No, for how would you assess this?

For example, some dentist still use amalgam as a material because it is easier/cheaper/ and cariostatic usually. However other dentists do not use amalgam due to Poisson effect causing cracks, thermo expansion, etc. What would be the “right” answer?

5. 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 (i.e. annually, every two, three, four, or five years)?

I disagrees this has to be done, but If so then every 4 years.

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

Again, it’s identifying non- performing dentists, as well as dentist who not emotional well. And then strategies for helping them!! Catching them early!

Questions 12. What, if anything, do you like about our draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns?

The eye test, age threshold is very young at 40. I would of thought 55+. I would find Optometrist research as when vision declines, but I would of thought in late 50’s.

13. Is there anything about the draft proposals for addressing health-related competence decline concerns you would change? See above

Regards

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