

8th May 2020

Attention: Suzanne Bornman
Dental Council of New Zealand
Wellington

Dear Suzanne

Re: Proposed changes to the ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation standards for dental practitioner programs

NZDOHTA's has reviewed the proposed changes and largely agrees with the proposed changes.

NZDOHTA strongly supports the increased emphasis being placed on programs to teach cultural competency as part of a students learning journey. NZDOHTA strongly supports any program that focusses on improving practitioner's knowledge that lead to better oral health outcomes for Maori and Pasifika

We would like the council to also expand the cultural competency piece to include migrant and refugee groups who are now making up significant proportion of New Zealand and Australian population and tend to have high oral health needs.

We thank DCNZ for allowing us to make a submission

Kind Regards,
Arish Naresh
Chairperson