

About respondent

I am responding on behalf of: Myself

Please tell us about yourself:

What is your interaction with the ADC? Check all that apply. Education provider, Assessor of education programs, Member of professional association/academy/society, Employer of dental graduates

Please tell us about yourself: Respondent skipped this question

Name:

Organisation:

Consultation questions

Do you consider the draft Competencies outline what is required of a newly qualified dental practitioner to practice safely and ethically?

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer: Greater emphasis on vulnerable patient groups

Do you agree with the proposal to combine the Competencies for all five divisions of registration into one document?

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer: Tidier and more coherent document

Do you have any comments on the format or structure of the draft Competencies?

No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Proposed changes to the Competencies

A change of name to Domain 1 from 'Professionalism' to 'Social responsibility and professionalism'

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This highlights the ethical and community aspects of dental practice

The introduction of a definition of 'Cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people' into the Terminology section consistent with the National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020-2025.

Partly

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This is supported as long as other vulnerable communities are equally highlighted. It is consistent with wider health service emphasis and the Cultural Safety Strategy. I think, however, that there needs to be work done to identify suitable trained educators in this area who understand the challenges of dental practice alongside the cultural safety issues.

The introduction of a definition for At-risk groups or populations into the Terminology section of the introduction and the use of the term 'at-risk' within the Competency statements.

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This immediately flags the need for practitioners to be alert to vulnerable population groups.

The introduction of a definition of interprofessional collaborative practice and the use of the term within Competency statements.

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Increasingly, oral health needs to be practiced on an interdisciplinary level to deal with the increasingly complex patients seen.

The change of terminology from patient-centred care' to 'person-centred care', including the updated definition and the use of the terms 'person' or individual' within the Competency statements.

Partly

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Understand the rationale for this but still prefer to acknowledge those we care for as 'patients' as I believe that it gives a greater sense of a caring and expert clinician focus on those who are potentially vulnerable individuals and seek expert advice. At least it is not 'client', which I would strongly oppose.

The revisions to Competency statements in Domain 1, which are consistent with the National Scheme's definition of cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, specifically Competency statements 2 to 5.

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This gives imperative for these to be positively incorporated in the Dental School syllabus.

The inclusion in Domain 1 of Competency 11 which requires the practitioner to 'understand the environmental impacts of health care provision and use resources responsibly, making decisions that support environmentally sustainable healthcare.'

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This is increasingly important on a national level and has particular relevance with increased PPE requirements post COVID-19.

The revision of communication related Competencies in Domain 2 and Domain 6, which aim to better reflect the needs of those receiving care.

Yes

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:	Communication must be better taught in Tertiary institutions - particularly where English may not be the students first language.
The inclusion in Domain 2 of Competency 4 which requires the practitioner to be able to 'recognise, assess, and respond to domestic and family violence risk, prioritise safety, provide information, and refer as required'. (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	The practitioner needs to not only identify risk but also to act on it in an appropriate and safe manner in the best interests on the victim
The inclusion in Domain 2 of identifying opportunities for improvement and advocating for improved oral health outcomes. (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	Prevention is still poorly achieved especially in lower Socioeconomic settings
The revision of terminology used in Domain 5 to require the application and demonstration of knowledge' (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	More positive language and more focused on proving understanding.

Other changes to the Competencies

Are there any additional Competencies that should be added? (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	No
Please give a reason for your answer:	Respondent skipped this question
Are there any Competencies that should be deleted or reworded? (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	No

Please give a reason for your answer

Respondent skipped this question

Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the Competencies?

This is a sound document that will particularly serve to emphasis the role that all dentists have in treating the vulnerable patient.
