

About respondent

I am responding on behalf of: Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us about yourself: Respondent skipped this question

What is your interaction with the ADC? Check all that apply.

- Committee/Board member
- Member of a professional association/academy/society
- Employer of dental graduates

Please tell us about yourself:

Name: Michael

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: Respondent skipped this question

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

No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer: The different divisions carry out different roles at different and there are different levels of competence expected. A dentist is not a hygienist is not a prosthetist

Do you have any comments on the format or structure of the draft Competencies? Respondent skipped this question

(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, No, Partly, Do not know)

No

Please give a reason for your answer:

Professionalism already entails social responsibility - this proposal weakens the definition of professionalism and achieves nothing of value - this appears to be written to assuage or placate special interest groups rather than achieve anything of value.

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.
(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Yes

Please give a reason for your answer:

Respondent skipped this question

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, No, Partly, Do not know)

No

Please give a reason for your answer:

This list can never be comprehensive - attempts, such as this to detail each and every "at risk" group - creates blind spots towards other groups which are more likely to be overlooked if they do not slot easily into the existing definitions or "fashionable" areas of concern.

The introduction of a definition of interprofessional collaborative practice and the use of the term within Competency statements.
(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Partly

Please give a reason for your answer:

Respondent skipped this question

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.

No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This carries no meaning whatsoever - what possible difference can it make whether someone is described as a person or a patient - this will have no impact on the care delivered or the manner in which it is delivered. This is frankly a gratuitous and over zealous and clumsy attempt at virtue signalling - without any significant risk of meaningful impact being achieved.

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:

Respondent skipped this question

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.'

No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

This is again - Clumsy, gratuitous and meaningless virtue signalling. The constraints of professional practice, the use of ever more reams of disposable instruments and paraphenalia mean that it is almost impossible for a practitioner to practice sustainably. Without any guidance as to how it is even and practicably possible to practice more sustainably - these are just empty words and another craven gesture towards meaningless virtue signalling. This has no place in a statement about professional competencies. By the way - What in God's name is 'environmentally

	sustainable healthcare" - sounds great but completely devoid of any meaning.
The revision of communication related Competencies in Domain 2 and Domain 6, which aim to better reflect the needs of those receiving care. (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Partly
Please give a reason for your answer:	Respondent skipped this question
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)	Do not know
Please give a reason for your answer:	Respondent skipped this question
The inclusion in Domain 2 of identifying opportunities for improvement and advocating for improved oral health outcomes. (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Do not know
Please give a reason for your answer:	Respondent skipped this question
The revision of terminology used in Domain 5 to require the application and demonstration of knowledge' (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	No
Please give a reason for your answer:	Why would practitioners assemble knowledge such as this if not to interpret, understand and apply - this is a core competency for tertiary education and I suspect practitioners do not lose this ability, inclination after graduation. This, again, fills space with words that may make certain individuals feel better - but have Zero practical impact.

Other changes to the Competencies

Are there any additional Competencies that should be added? No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer: The current one needs culling and refinement

Are there any Competencies that should be deleted or reworded? No

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer Respondent skipped this question

Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the Competencies?

The competency statements should not be used as a vessel for virtue signalling and the proffering of meaningless feel good statements - changes to cultural safety are overdue and welcome - most of the remaining changes are distractions, feel good statements with very little practical value - they are an expression of contemporary politics - not an expectation of professional competency.
