

About respondent

I am responding on behalf of:

An organisation (e.g. education provider, professional association, health authority)

Please tell us about yourself:

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

Please tell us about yourself:

Name:

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Organisation:

ACFF

Consultation questions

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

Partly

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Considering that dental caries is one of the most common chronic diseases globally and in Australia, and given what is known about the reversibility of early carious lesions and the negative long term consequences of direct and indirect restorative procedures, there is need to include a competency in the medical (non-restorative) management of such lesions. Management of other conditions are mentioned separately, for example, periodontal, pulp, and tooth loss. It is concerning that caries is not addressed similarly in these competencies. Item 6.3 One important competency is missing for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists and oral health therapists which is: 'manage the disease of dental caries including early carious lesions using a non-operative approach and prevention of further disease'

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

Partly

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

The category 'oral health therapist' seems to have been omitted. Given that it is now the most common qualification, that seems strange.

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

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Seems appropriate given our knowledge of social determinants

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

(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)

Please give a reason for your answer:

Need to take advice from First Nation people

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:

Current approach

<p>The introduction of a definition of interprofessional collaborative practice and the use of the term within Competency statements.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>Respondent skipped this question</p>
<p>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.'</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Please give a reason for your answer:</p>	<p>It is the 21st century and we all have to take responsibility.</p>
<p>The revision of communication related Competencies in Domain 2 and Domain 6, which aim to better reflect the needs of those receiving care.</p> <p>(Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	Family violence is so prevalent and health professionals need the skills to refer or assist.
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:	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)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	Respondent skipped this question

Other changes to the Competencies

Are there any additional Competencies that should be added? (Yes, No, Partly, Do not know)	Yes
Please give a reason for your answer:	As previously stated Considering that dental caries is one of the most common chronic diseases globally and in Australia, and given what is known about the reversibility of early carious lesions and the negative long term consequences of direct and indirect restorative procedures, there is need to include a competency in the medical (non-restorative) management of such lesions. Management of other conditions are mentioned separately, for example, periodontal, pulp, and tooth loss. It is concerning that caries is not addressed similarly in these competencies. Item 6.3



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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?

With minor modifications these are appropriate for the current times.
