



Feedback template

Public consultation on proposed entry level competencies for dental specialties

Public consultation

The Dental Board of Australia (the Board) in partnership with the Dental Council of New Zealand (the Council) is releasing this public consultation paper on the proposed entry level competencies for dental specialties.

Your feedback

You are invited to provide feedback by email to dentalboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on Monday 15 February 2016.

You are welcome to supply a PDF file of your feedback in addition to the word (or equivalent) file, however we request that you do supply a text or word file. As part of an effort to meet international website accessibility guidelines, AHPRA and the National Boards are striving to publish documents in accessible formats (such as Word), in addition to PDFs. More information about this is available at www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Accessibility.aspx.

How your submission will be treated

1. Submissions will generally be published unless you request otherwise. The Board publishes submissions on its websites to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders. However, the Board retains the right not to publish submissions at their discretion, and will not place on their website, or make available to the public, submissions that contain offensive or defamatory comments or which are outside the scope of the consultation.
1. Before publication, the Board will remove personally-identifying information from submissions, including contact details.
2. You are encouraged to complete the feedback template to assist in focussing responses and to ensure clear presentation and interpretation of your submission.
3. The views expressed in the submissions are those of the individuals or organisations who submit them and their publication does not imply any acceptance of, or agreement with, these views by the Board.
4. The Board also accepts submissions made in confidence. These submissions will not be published on the website or elsewhere. Submissions may be confidential because they include personal experiences or other sensitive information. Any request for access to a confidential submission will be determined in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cwlth), which has provisions designed to protect personal information and information given in confidence.
5. Please let the Board know if you do not want your submission published, or want all or part of it treated as confidential.

General information about your submission

Who is the submission from?	Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry
If we need to follow up with someone, who should we contact?	Timothy Johnston. Federal President ANZSPD (Inc)
Would you like your submission published on the Board's website?	At the Board's discretion

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Specific consultation questions and section for responses
Do you understand the reason why we have developed the proposed competencies and how we are going to use them?
Yes/No Yes
Comments ANZSPD is a general practitioner society whose membership includes most registered Specialist Paediatric Dentists in Australia and New Zealand. Although not a specialist group, we recognise the absolute importance of ensuring registered specialists in the Australasia region are trained and practice at the highest level to ensure optimal care for a special group within our community.
Is there any content that you think should be changed or deleted in the proposed competencies?
Dento-maxillofacial radiology
Yes/No NO
Comments Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in dento-facial radiology to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.
Endodontics
Yes/No NO
Comments Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in endodontics to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.

Forensic Odontology
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are unlikely to be trained in the area of forensic odontology and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Oral Medicine
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in oral medicine to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Oral Pathology
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in oral pathology to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Oral Surgery
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in oral surgery to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Orthodontics
Yes/No NO
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in orthodontics to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise. ANZSPD does have specialist Orthodontists within the membership however Council has not been advised by these members of required changes.</p>

Periodontics
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in periodontics to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Prosthodontics
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in prosthodontics to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise.</p>
Public Health
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in Public Health Dentistry to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise. ANZSPD does have specialist Public Health Dentists within the membership however Council has not been advised by these members of required changes.</p>
Special Needs
Yes/No No
<p>Comments</p> <p>Specialist Members of ANZSPD are trained in Special Needs Dentistry to the level relevant for their speciality group. This is not to the level required of this speciality and therefore are not qualified to advise otherwise. ANZSPD does have specialist Special Needs Dentists within the membership however Council has not been advised by these members of required changes.</p>
We are proposing that the competencies be reviewed in five years time with the option to review earlier if needed. Do you agree?
Yes/ No
<p>Comments</p> <p>With constant changes to the Dental Workforce and the needs of the community, ANZSPD would like to see a constant monitoring of proposed competency outcomes and active amendments made as and if indicated</p>

Do you have any other comments?

Unfortunately this document does not ask for comment on Paediatric Dentistry.

ANZSPD is the non specialist interest body for Children and adolescent dentistry in Australia and New Zealand, whose membership includes most registered Paediatric Dentists in Australia and New Zealand and therefore has relevance to this document.

ANZSPD supports the document pertaining to Paediatric Dentistry.

There is one point that we would seek clarification/amendment. Domain 2, Communication and Social Skills, point a. This statement refers to the patient's expectations, desires and attitudes. Most patients attending a specialist paediatric dental practice are either minors, pre-cooperative, uncooperative or have special needs and may not have the age or intellectual capacity to have or express expectations, desires and attitude. These are generally held by the patient's parents, guardians or carers, who ultimately provide consent for treatment. The line should therefore include a reference as in point b, to the patient's families, relatives, guardians and carers.