

Heather Kaye Kendall Submission to ADC Draft Accreditation Standards Consultation

Respondent details	
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Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?	No
Response to consultation questions	
Do you consider that the draft Standards are at the threshold level to deliver competent graduates who are safe to practise? (Yes, Somewhat, No, Unsure)	Somewhat
Additional comments:	Renumbered 3.3 What are the 'required professional competencies' How are these defined? Whilst programs remain autonomous, closer collaboration with the professional academies in defining competency standards, assessment standards and examination process across Australia would improve clarity for students and support standards.
Do you agree with the specific proposals as incorporated in the draft Standards? (Yes, Somewhat, No, Unsure)	Yes
Additional comments:	
Are there any additional Standards or Criteria that should be added? (Yes, No, Unsure)	Yes
Additional comments:	5.5 Calibration of external examiners

Are there any Standards or Criteria that should be deleted or reworded?

Yes

(Yes, No, Unsure)

Additional comments related to your response, and clearly reference the specific criteria you are referring to for refinement.

see comments

Do you have any other questions or comments on the Standards?

5.5 There is an inherent conflict of interest between University and the student given the University receives substantial fees for their DClinDent programs. This concern is addressed partially by external examiners, however when competency is deemed not met by either one or both examiners, the resulting action taken should be clear, transparent and involve examiner input to avoid the perception the University can override the examiners (fear of litigation?). This diminishes the profession and undermines public safety.

Employers should feel confident employing graduates from any program across Australia. Likewise, students should expect comparable standards and value for their investment, across all programs in Australia. I am referencing DClinDent programs for specialty training in particular.

Overall this review is clear and I thank ADC for this opportunity to review.