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Dear Ms King,

### Review of the Professional competencies of the newly qualified dental practitioner

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is the accreditation authority for the dental professions in Australia. Protection of the public through the accreditation of dental education and training programs, and in the assessment of overseas qualified dental practitioners is at the core of the work undertaken by the ADC.

In undertaking its accreditation functions, the ADC uses the [\*Professional competencies of a newly qualified dental practitioner\*](#) (the Competencies). These are reference points for the dental professions, providing an overview of the skills and knowledge expected of a new dental practitioner in Australia.

In consultation with the dental professions, the ADC publishes the Competencies for each of the five divisions of dental practitioner recognised in Australia for general registration, including:

- [dentists](#)
- [dental hygienists](#)
- [dental prosthetists](#)
- [dental therapists](#), and
- [oral health therapists](#).

The Competencies are now being reviewed.

We are seeking feedback on how the existing Competencies are working and whether and how they might be improved via a brief survey. Feedback received through this initial stakeholder engagement will go on to inform the review process. We plan to consult on any proposed changes to the Competencies later in 2021.

This is an opportunity for you to provide your feedback to help us ensure the Competencies remain reflective of contemporary dental practice and the future needs of the Australian population.

More information about the review is available via our [Professional competencies review webpage](#).

### Responding to the survey

The ADC has published a short paper titled: [\*Review of the Professional competencies of the newly qualified dental practitioner: Stakeholder feedback survey\*](#). The paper provides more information about the review and the changes that may be made. This includes areas that we think should be a focus for the review.

The paper also includes the survey questions we are asking stakeholders to answer.

We strongly encourage you to read the paper before completing the survey.

The survey is available from the following link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Professional\\_competencies\\_review](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Professional_competencies_review)

You can also email your survey responses to [accreditation@adc.org.au](mailto:accreditation@adc.org.au).

The survey will remain open until **31 May 2021 at 11:59 AEST**.

The ADC is accepting responses from individuals as well as organisations such as yours to ensure we have as broad a range of views as possible to inform the review process. You are welcome to share this invitation with others with an interest in the Competencies.

If you would like to discuss the Competencies, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9657 1777 or via [accreditation@adc.org.au](mailto:accreditation@adc.org.au).

Yours sincerely,



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