

Please find attached some comments on the Dental Board of Australia's draft registration standards 66, 68, 69 and guidelines for supervision. As you can see from these comments the standards are supported by SA Dental Service with very minor suggested improvements.

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## Comments on Dental Board of Australia drafts December 2010

### 3. Registration Standards

Section 66 – Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice

Section 68 – Limited registration in public interest

Section 69 – Limited registration for teaching or research

Summary: The following table summarises the various provisions:

SECTION	66	69	68		
	<b>Pathway A Supervised Practice</b>	<b>Pathway B Post Graduate training</b>	<b>Teaching or research</b>		
Description	<b>A1.</b> Supervision + employed under PS program.	<b>A2.</b> Supervision + <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment in ADC final exam <u>OR</u></li> <li>• Clinical training or assessment program in preparation for an ADC exam (could be either preliminary or final exam) or another exam required by the Board</li> </ul>	Enrolment in approved post graduate program of study (published list) or other post graduate program approved by the Board	Fill teaching or research positions	For example, natural disaster, an expert demonstrating a clinical procedure or participating in a workshop
<b>Requirements</b>	Eligibility for Limited registration (s. 65)				

SECTION	66	69	68	
	Overseas graduate dental qualification relevant to & suitable for training or supervised practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADC list dentists – that qualification</li> <li>• All others – see next box:</li> </ul>			
	Overseas graduate dental qualification of equivalent duration to an Australian graduate in the same division. Minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dentist 4 years full time</li> <li>• Prosthetist – 3 years including dental technician course</li> <li>• OHT – BOH 3 years full time</li> <li>• DT &amp; DH – 2 years full time &amp; dual qualified 3 years full time</li> </ul>			
		Specialists: 4 years general training, 2 years post general qualification practice + 3 year full time course in a dental speciality		
	Evidence of current registration to practise & recency of clinical practice	Evidence of current registration to practise clinical dentistry. Where qualification awarded > 3 years ago, evidence of clinic dentistry practice for minimum of 250 hours/year for last 3 years.		
	Comply with Board supervision requirements including Plan & Reports		Practise under supervision of practitioner registered under the same division + supervision plan if registration > 1 month	
	Comply with IC Guidelines			
	Declaration of infection status for blood borne viruses		N/A	
	Comply with English Language skills standard		N/A	
Other requirements	If not on ADC list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigorous assessment of clinical skills &amp; knowledge at start of employment</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months in metro PS facility</li> <li>• In 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months, provided by the employer with familiarisation program on dental practice in Australia,</li> </ul>		Verification of teaching or research position	Verification of employer/ sponsor & details of clinical activities to be undertaken & locations

SECTION	66			69	68	
	cultural awareness & skill development					
	<b>On ADC list</b>	<b>Not ADC list</b>				
Preliminary ADC exam required	No	Yes	Not specified	Not specified	No	No
Final ADC exam to be completed	≤ 3 years of being employed	≤ 1 year of being employed	Not specified	Not specified	Not required	Not required
Can exam date be extended?	No	Yes by up to 1 year	Not specified	Not specified	N/A	N/A
Maximum registration period	3 years	2 years	12 months	3 years	4 years	1 month; up to 3 months in special circumstances
Renewable	annually	annually	6 monthly	annually	Annually 3 times after which need to reapply	No

Comment:

This is quite a complex piece of work but it is substantially the same as currently occurs for PSDWS dentists in SA.