

Public comment response template to Discussion Paper: Maintenance of Competence for Practising Certificates

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Responses to discussion points

1. Is the proposed model for the MOC scheme suitable for application for practising certificate holders in NSW?

Response: Yes

2. Are the areas of competence and their topics suitable and cover the areas adequately?

Response: Yes

3a. Are the types of formal and informal learning with their maximum claimable hours suitable?

Response: Maximum Claimable Hours seem adequate, however total hours need to be increased to achieve an adequate level of knowledge

3b. Is the percentage split between the minimum number of formal hours (66%) against a maximum of 33% for informal hours appropriate?

Response: Yes

4. Are the numbers of learning hours for each practising certificate and areas of competence appropriate to maintain competence a) per year b) over five years?

a) per year - response. Total hours of specific area of expertise need to be increased to achieve an adequate level of knowledge

b) over five years? - response. Total hours of specific area of expertise need to be increased to achieve an adequate level of knowledge

5. Are the requirements for certificate holders in the MOC scheme reasonable and practical?

Response: Yes except for the areas as listed above

6a. Are the record keeping requirements for certificate holders to satisfy in the MOC scheme

Response: Yes

6b. Are the governance processes proposed by the department adequate to ensure compliance with the MOC scheme by practising certificate holders?

Response: Yes