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The Following is the feedback response sent through to Nursing Council NZ on 6th October 2010

RE: Guideline for competence assessment

Many thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on this draft document. Overall the guidelines provide a clear process for assessing competence, be it as an assessor or for self assessment. A few points are offered as a way of strengthening the document.

- 1) p. 5 first bullet point think of examples from your practice of where you met each competency
- 2) p. 6 under Assessing another nurse a beginning sentence to this section could be 'To be read in conjunction with the Principles of assessing the practice of other nurses. ? It may be helpful to identify what ANMC is
- 3) p. 7 The 3rd paragraph in italics Instead of please suggest 'It is your responsibility to'
- 4) p.7 Under the section Guidelines for nurses working in insolation The words prescriptive and exhaustive underlined and/or bold

We wondered if a section addressing 'Difficulties or issues in the assessment process' would be helpful if only to acknowledge that there are time when the assessment process is not without issues.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment

Regards Judy Yarwood Co-Chair College of Nurses Aotearoa (NZ)