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Dear Marie,

RE: Consultation on Short OHT Fee

The New Zealand Dental Hygienists' Association welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2017/2018 four-month practicing fee and disciplinary levy for oral health therapists.

At our NZDHA Executive meeting, we discussed this consultation.

We, the NZDHA Executive, agree that those practitioners who:

- are eligible for graduation in 2017 with the degree of Bachelor of Oral Health from the University of Otago; or
- are eligible for graduation in 2017 with the degree of Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health from Auckland University of Technology; or
- have not been previously registered in New Zealand and who are eligible for registration in the oral health therapy scope

who wish to register after 1 November 2017 and before the end of the next recertification cycle 31 March 2017 pay a four-month practicing fee of \$206.69 plus GST.

We agree that since this is a new scope of practice, no disciplinary levy should be applied for the four-month period.

We agree that any disciplinary costs (if applicable) should be recovered within the proposed 2018/2019 disciplinary reserve adjustment.

We look forward to Council's consultation on the proposed 2018/2019 budget, levies and fees due later this year.

Kind regards,

Anna Holyoake
NZDHA President