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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dental therapist**

Page 3: The proposal

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 18-year age limit for restorative activities from the OHT scope of practice including: accredited, gazetted programmes allowing oral health therapists to perform restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older an exclusion, such as "Restorative treatment on patients 18 years and older", being placed on oral health therapists' scopes of practice until they complete an accredited adult restorative programme which will allow them to apply to have the exclusion removed (noting that the activities registered oral health therapists can currently perform within their scope of practice remain unchanged).

Agree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I agree with this proposal - but would like to see restrictions around when they can apply to undergo a NZ Accredited Adult Restorative Programme.

I would like to see OHT only with 4 years clinical experience behind them before obtaining this scope. I think they not only need competence, but confidence in permanent caries detection and restoration. Part of the course application criteria I would like to see they have evidence of a clinical performance appraisal on permanent dentition undertaken by an experienced DT or Community Dentist or PP Dentist.

Page 5: Your concerns

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Respondent skipped this question

Page 6: Details about OHT scope, qualifications and competencies

Q6 Do you have any specific feedback on the proposed amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2? **Yes**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

4 years experience in therapy and dental caries diagnosis and restoration of permanent dentition.

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **Yes**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Yes, serious consideration be given to a measured balance of CONFIDENCE & COMPETENCE in diagnosis and restoration of permanent dentition submitting a clinical performance review of past restorations.(4 years experience) before scope obtained and Accredited Adult Programme applied for.
