



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **dentist or dental specialist**

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).	Strongly disagree
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Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal	Respondent skipped this question
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Page 5: Your concerns

Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice

Q5 Please describe your specific concern/s with the proposal

Even though I commend the Council's intention in improving dental care access, Oral Health Therapist are not and will never be competent to perform restorative dentistry in adults. The reason is simple, they are not and will not be trained to deal with complications of restorative work. Perforation of the pulp chamber, supra and sub gingival overhangs, poor restorative margins are some examples. These may result in tooth loss, aggravation of periodontal and end-periodontal pathologies, etc. Also, their diagnostic repertoire is not and will not be enough for proper clinical management. If they had such competencies, they would be called dentists, have all the responsibilities of a dentist, and be registered as such. Moreover, the promise from the University of Otago in establishing a curriculum that would result in Oral Health Therapist competent in restorative dentistry is vague. A proposal to change the age restriction should only be considered once a full and comprehensive curriculum, from the only Dental School in New Zealand, is made publicly available.

A solution would be allowing Oral Health Therapist to use non-permanent materials (such as Cavit) for temporary restorations.

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.

They should not be allowed to perform any extraction, even primary teeth. They are not trained to deal with complex cases or complications.

Page 8: Anything else

Q8 Do you have any further comments on the proposal? **No**

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback **Respondent skipped this question**
