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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

OHTs are not trained with sufficient knowledge and skills to properly diagnose and treat adult teeth. The treatment planning needs to involve the complex of entire endodontium, periodontium, occlusion and much more rather than simply the tooth. If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail. It sounds very easy to have fillings placed on the tooth, but can OHTs understand all of the potential consequences, complications, and limitation of the treatment? It is really not about the age limit, but the competency of diagnosis and treatment planning. Lack of knowledge can result in overtreatment and mistreatment, significantly jeopardizing patients' oral health in the long run.

Furthermore, the severe unmet treatment demand for teenagers under 18 was never addressed, which is the scope of practice for OHTs. A great number of teenagers are unable to access to dental care especially in the rural area. It is more important to address those problems first before blindly raise the age limit.

The proposal would not only deteriorate the current health care that teenagers receive, but also make adults suffer from compromised treatments.

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? **No**

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

Q7 Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies. **Respondent skipped this question**

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**
