



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

1) there is an overwhelming demand for dental therapists to treat under 18s, diverting the workforce away from this area will worsen the current situation.

2) dentistry is not just about drilling and filling and extracting teeth. As dental professionals we need to treat the patient as a whole- this includes medically and spiritually. Even with an additional two years of education, I do not believe that the BOH course will provide BOH graduates with enough training to be well quipped for these aspects of dental care. Especially with NZ's aging population, we are faced with a growing proportion of medically compromised patients. Hence, I strongly believe that the completion of the 5 year BDS programme is an absolute minimum requirement, to gain the scientific and medical knowledge required to provide safe and ethical treatment planning for New Zealanders.

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**
