



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 agree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I do not support it

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.

I am not convinced that the Council should be revisiting this issue just yet. In 2016 the Council decided that restorative activities on patients 18 years and older should not form part of the OHT scope because the current NZ OHT programmes could not equip graduates with the necessary clinical experience and competence to perform restorative procedures on patients 18 years and over. This position did not align with the Council's legal obligation that the education currently delivered by the New Zealand oral health programmes must underpin the proposed oral health therapy scope of practice. The Council maintained the position throughout that it was fundamental that the proposed oral health therapy scope of practice reflect the education delivered by the New Zealand oral health programmes. From a patient safety perspective, the Council confirmed its position that restorative activities on patients 18 years and over, performed under prescription of a dentist, should not form part of the proposed oral health therapy scope of practice." In 2019, the both NZ OH programmes have not changed in this regard, and postgraduate upskilling programmes are only under development and still not currently available, nor accredited. In view of this, it seems premature for Council to be reconsidering this proposal at the moment.

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**
