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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

Name **sumia**
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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as **oral health 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). **Strongly agree**

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

I strongly support the removal of the age 18 limit for restorative care from the OHT scope of practice. OHTs are currently treating adult patients so they have the skills to communicate, understand and appropriately care for adult patients. Moreover, OHTs are already doing restorations on the permanent dentition so they have a very good knowledge of different restorations. Therefore, they should be allowed to do restorations on adults because there is no difference in doing a restoration on the permanent tooth of a 17-year-old patient versus a 25-year-old patient.

In addition, currently most New Zealand adults need restorations but they cannot get their treatment done due to the high cost and long waiting list of dentists. Therefore, the removal of the age limit will improve accessibility and possibly reduce the cost of treatment. In turn, this will also improve the oral health status of all New Zealanders.

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? **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
