



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Company/organisation	
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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).

Agree

Page 4: Your support

Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

It will create more opportunities for the New Zealand public to have more access to dental care which they otherwise may not be able to afford or access for whatever reason. Oral Health Therapists with the adult scope may be able to not just treat the child but the whole family - or at least we can examine the parents/adults and guide them in the right direction to receive quality dental care (whether that be given by OHT or dentist). It also means that once we have this scope we will hopefully be able to do periodontal work on our adult patients in a DHB setting, further reducing other health problems that we now know have a link to gum disease. It will also help us work better with dentists as a team and also produce opportunities for OHTs that want to further their skills in dentistry. At the moment we are very limited in what we can offer compared to OHTs overseas.

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
