



Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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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

- To have a new work force of practitioners able to assess and treat NZer's of all ages is important in the current climate of high dental needs but low levels of people seeking treatment
- The current registration allows for treatment on permanent dentition for those under 18yr, but the same dentition and treatment required is required for people of all ages (ie a 16MO flg is no different on at 17yr old as it is on a 23yr old, 49yr old or 86 yr old etc)
- the additional experience required for treating those older than 18 can easily be taught through a additional course (as demonstrated in other countries, such as Australia)
- A more board scope can provide more career satisfaction and possible slow or stop the 'talent drift' of graduates to Australia
- Those areas regarding pharma and medical involvement in treatment planning is already considered through an OHT 'hygienist' role and little further education would be required regarding this

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
