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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

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**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as **company/organisation**

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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**

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Page 4: Your support

**Q4** Please describe why you support the proposal

NZDF supports the proposal to lift the age restriction for OHTs to work within their scope of practice. I have worked with adult scope dental therapists over the last 10 years and believe they provide an exceptional level of care to patients when they work in partnership with the dentist. Whether this be in a consultative working relationship or clinical supervision. The age restriction of 18 is a historical age from an early Act. I believe that it is not necessarily age that determines when care from an OHT provider should be restricted.

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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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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**

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Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

**Q7** Please provide us specific comments related to the OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.

In the NZDF environment removing the age limit for restorative activities can be managed as the oral health team works very closely together. How this team provides care is related to the educational qualifications of all its members. It is difficult to judge the level of working relationship without seeing the accredited programmes from the institutions.

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Page 8: Anything else

**Q8** Do you have any further comments on the proposal?

**No**

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Page 10: Last thoughts

**Q9** Please provide us your feedback

**Respondent skipped this question**

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