Consultation on the age limit for restorative activities in the oral health therapy scope of practice

Page 2: Your demographics	
Q1 Your details	
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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as	educational institution

Strongly agree

## 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).

Page 4: Your support

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

I believe this widening scope of practice will allow the OHTs practising a greater level of job satisfaction. This will encourage them to be more passionate about their work, result in higher levels of job retention, and less migration to other countries for better job satisfaction. This alteration would also be a more time and cost efficient option for many citizens, especially those in rural and low SES status as they will be able to access basic restorative treatment for a reduced cost and get all restorative work done in one appointment, meaning less travel time and reduced waiting time after referral.

Once a relationship is established from a young age, and a level of trust has been developed, a patient is much more likely to continue attending appointments due to a strengthened rapport. It will encourage patient attendance and less cases of loss to follow up.

As we already obtain these skills and are able to practise them on an individual under 18, it would require very minor changes such as patient management to be competent to practise these skills on an adult.

This is a better cost and time effective approach, with both patient and practitioner benefit.

### 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 **No** amendments to the OHT scope of practice, prescribed qualifications or competencies as set out in appendices 1 & 2?

Page 7: Specific comments on the proposal

<b>Q7</b> Please provide us specific comments related to the	Respondent skipped this question
OHT scope, qualifications and competencies.	

Page 8: Anything else

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

Page 10: Last thoughts

Q9 Please provide us your feedback

Respondent skipped this question

No