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Page 2: Your demographics

Q1 Your details

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Q2 Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):
Bachelor of Oral Health student

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

Under the therapy skills in the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH), we perform restorations on permanent teeth of patients under 18 years. An age restriction does not make sense since the permanent tooth on an 18 year old remains the same when they are 19 years old. In our therapy scope, we are taught the restorative skills that enable us to perform restorations on the permanent dentition of patients over the age of 18. Removing the age restriction can increase accessibility to oral health services thus improve overall oral health of the population. This can also allow for a more affordable option for adults requiring quality restorations but are struggling financially. Efficiency may be increased since patients that do not require complex treatment can be treated by oral health therapists while dentists can manage patients that require more complex treatments. Patient and public safety should not be compromised by this proposal as the BOH course and the tutors ensure BOH graduates are competent in their practice, adhere to safety protocol and manage risks that can occur in a clinic. An additional course should be sufficient in ensuring oral health therapists have the skills and knowledge that need to be considered when restoring adult teeth. There are concerns that oral health therapists are less knowledgeable regarding systemic conditions. Management of conditions can be taught as part of the additional course if need be.

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
