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Page 2: Your demographics

**Q1** Your details

Name

**Tracey Ng**

**Q2** Your submission is in the capacity as

Other (please specify):  
Student Oral Health Therapist

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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

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

### Q4 Please describe why you support the proposal

Accessibility to dental care is a growing issue for New Zealanders, particularly for those in rural areas. Removal of the age restriction will hopefully help to improve accessibility and encourage for restructuring of the current dental system.

OHTs undergo training on both primary and permanent dentition. This allows OHTs to develop the skills and competency in treating children and adults. The curriculum covers pharmacology, medical conditions, and dental anatomy.

Dental complications and concerns can be minimised through a consultative professional relationship between OHTs and dentists. By collaborating together, we can provide better care for our patients. Patient safety and their health needs is always a priority. Where needed, OHTs can refer appropriately to a dentist when complex restorative care is needed. Additionally, dentists can delegate suitable patients to an OHT for treatment. Dentists can also benefit from the removal of the age restriction as they can have more time for more complex restorative treatment.

It is our professional and ethical responsibility to practice within our scope. Therefore, there should be no concerns that OHTs will want to do things outside of our scope such as RCTs.

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### Page 5: Your concerns

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? **No**

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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.

Respondent skipped this question

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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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