Get to know the new competency standards for occupational therapists

**Standard 1: Professionalism**
An occupational therapist practises in an ethical, safe, lawful and accountable manner, supporting client health and wellbeing through occupation and consideration of the person and their environment.

**Standard 2: Knowledge and learning**
An occupational therapist’s knowledge, skills and behaviours in practice are informed by relevant and contemporary theory, practice knowledge and evidence, and are maintained and developed by ongoing professional development and learning.

**Standard 3: Occupational therapy process and practice**
An occupational therapist’s practice acknowledges the relationship between health, wellbeing and human occupation, and their practice is client-centred for individuals, groups, communities and populations.

**Standard 4: Communication**
Occupational therapists practise with open, responsive and appropriate communication to maximise the occupational performance and engagement of clients and relevant others.

Being registered with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia lets people in your care know that you’re qualified and competent to practise.

The Australian occupational therapy competency standards (AOTCS) outline safe and competent standards all occupational therapists should demonstrate.