

## National registration for occupational therapists from 1 July 2012 SA Presentation – Tuesday 22 May

### What you need to know

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (the National Board) has scheduled an information session open to all practitioners interested in national registration under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

#### Background

From 1 July 2012 the National Scheme will be in place for the profession of occupational therapy. For the first time national registration will replace separate state and territory registration – for all occupational therapists.

#### What does this mean?

Anyone working under the title of occupational therapist (OT) must be registered from 1 July 2012 with the National Board via AHPRA.

Practitioners who are already locally registered with a Territory or State Board (such as that in SA) will automatically transition into the National Scheme on their current registration. The renewals thereafter will be undertaken by AHPRA on behalf of the National Board.

Therefore locally registered practitioners do not need to apply to register, however they do need to be aware of the National Scheme and the requirements therein (eg registration standards, codes, guidelines).

#### What do you need to do?

If you are currently registered with your State Board please ensure that your contact details and email details are up-to-date. This will ensure you receive important information, on time.

#### Information – SA Event

To provide information to all practitioners in South Australia, the Chair of the National Board, members and representatives from the local AHPRA office will be speaking at the following information session:

- Date:** Tuesday 22 May, 2012
- Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Venue:** Hetzel Building (room H2-02)  
University of South Australia  
North Terrace (enter off Frome Rd, between Gates 2 and 4) link to map:  
[www.unisa.edu.au/about/campuses/cemap.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/about/campuses/cemap.asp)
- Car parking:** Several U car parks are close by <http://upark.com.au/#> Gawler and Frome being the nearest. Royal Adelaide Hospital also has a car park.
- RSVP:** As places are limited please RSVP to [hayley.jenkins@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:hayley.jenkins@ahpra.gov.au)

#### Further information

Full details on the national scheme and to register for email alerts from the National Board please visit its official website: [www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au).

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The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia's official website has detailed information about the National Scheme and the ensuing responsibilities and requirements of practitioners who will be nationally registered from 1 July 2012.

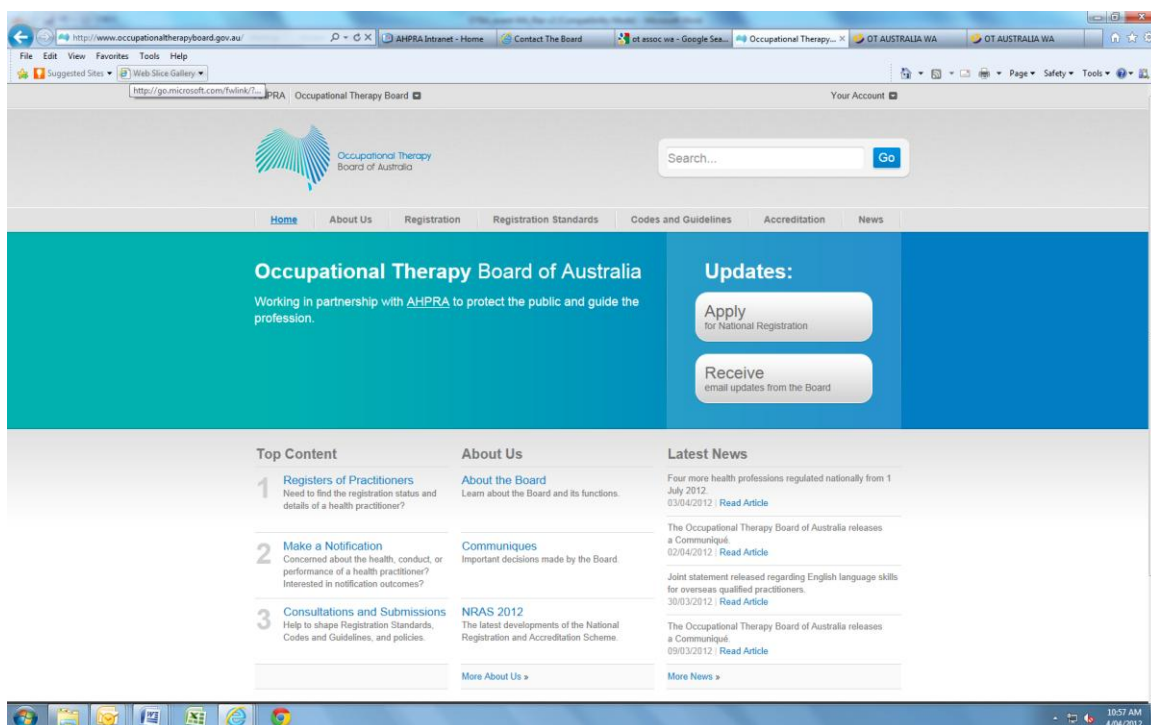
Examples of website information at [www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au) include:

- National Registration Standards that apply to the profession of occupational therapy:
  - Continuing Professional Development (Standard and a Guideline)
  - Criminal History
  - English Language Skills
  - Professional Indemnity Insurance Arrangements
  - Recency of Practice
  - Grandparenting: Transitional arrangements for qualifications
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs), PowerPoint slides (including a voice-over version)
- Codes and Guidelines:
  - Code of Conduct
  - Advertising Guidelines
  - Mandatory Notifications Guidelines

...and much more!

### Keep up to date!

An important and easy way to keep up to date with the National Scheme and the work of the National Board is to register to receive email updates. Visit the National Board's website [www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au) and click on the button "receive updates" at the home page to complete the quick form there:



For any questions on the National Scheme, please call AHPRA on 1300 419 495 or log an enquiry via AHPRA's website [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or the local QLD AHPRA office 179 Turbot St, Brisbane.

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