

As requested I am providing feedback re the teleconference and suggested registration requirements. I worked in NSW when this was initiated and found it a very stressful time (unnecessarily so), particularly for experienced therapists. The paperwork was ridiculous and the money spent on 'orientating' everyone to it very wasteful.

The professional development time of 30 hours I feel is too high. I believe this should be modified for part time staff but do agree there should be a minimum- perhaps 15 hours regardless of how little you work I agree there needs to be a mix but am fearful of specifying OT Association run topics/courses..

I also find the Association run element is unrealistic for Country therapists of which I was once one; as the time and cost is prohibitive- remember these people also have to pay accommodation and travel expenses. It must not be assumed that employers will assist with this. I recently attended the OT Conf at the Gold Coast and this ended up costing me nearly \$3000 travelling from Perth, accommodation, registration, food etc.

I feel a more realistic level of PD is 20 hours with an adjustment of 5 hours for those working less than half time.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment