

## National registration for occupational therapists from 1 July 2012

### What you need to know

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (the National Board) is delighted to be working in association with the local Occupational Therapists' Board of Western Australia (OTBWA), OT AUSTRALIA WA and Occupational Therapy Australia WA Division to provide information about 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 WA) 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 – WA Event

To provide information to all practitioners in WA, members of the National Board are pleased to be speaking at a local event co-sponsored by the OTBWA and OT AUSTRALIA WA, with assistance from Curtin University:

**Date:** Friday 20 April, 2012

**Time:** 8.00am – 9.50am

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre room 102, building 108  
School of Occupational Therapy and Social Work / Faculty of Health Sciences  
Curtin University (Kent St, Bentley, Perth)

**Parking/Map:** Car park B13 (\$3 per hour) entry via Dumas Rd  
<http://properties.curtin.edu.au/maps/index.cfm?zoomifyInitialZoom=70&zoomifyInitialX=2772&zoomifyInitialY=3734&>.

**RSVP:** Places are limited and for catering purposes please RSVP to: [enquiries@otbwa.com.au](mailto:enquiries@otbwa.com.au)

Videoconferencing options for regional/remote areas can possibly be assisted, please contact [andre.abadi@curtin.edu.au](mailto:andre.abadi@curtin.edu.au) to discuss options.

### 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.

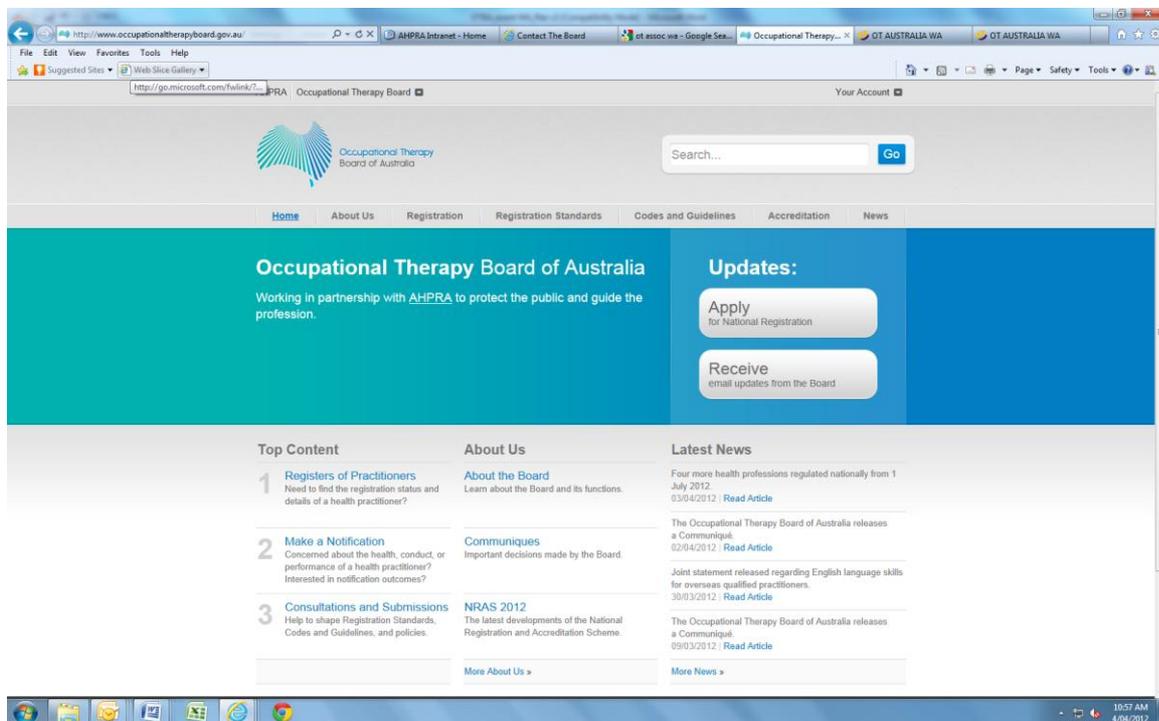
Examples of website information at [www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au) include:

- 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 WA AHPRA office GPO Box 9958, Perth WA 6001

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