

NSW presentations about National Registration for Occupational Therapists

What you need to know

Background

From 1 July 2012 the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) will be in place for the profession of occupational therapy.

What does this mean?

Anyone working under the title of occupational therapist (OT) must be registered from 1 July 2012. To be entitled to practise as an OT in any state or territory in Australia from 1 July 2012 you must be registered with the OT Board of Australia (the National Board) via AHPRA.

What do you need to do?

To learn more about the National Scheme and the registration standards (i.e. CPD, Criminal History, English Language Skills, Professional Indemnity Insurance Arrangements and Recency of Practice) and to ask questions, the following presentations have been scheduled in February to visit metro and regional sites in NSW. A schedule for VIC will soon be available.

The currently unregistered jurisdictions of ACT, NSW, TAS and VIC are the initial priorities.

Practitioners who are not currently registered with a state or territory OT board are encouraged to **apply for registration by 30 March 2012**. Application forms will be available from February via the National Board's website www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au. An application fee and a registration fee will apply. Practitioners who are currently registered (i.e. in SA, WA, NT, QLD) will automatically transition into the scheme.

Further Information

Further information on the National Scheme and the work of the National Board is available at: www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au.

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/about-ahpra/contact-us/make-an-enquiry.aspx.

To receive email updates from the National Board, register your contact details via the Board's website: www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/.

All Welcome

The information on the National Scheme will be provided by the National Board and AHPRA.

All OT practitioners, colleagues, managers etc are most welcome. To assist with venue arrangements please RSVP to a contact in your region, as listed below. Further information on the National Scheme and the work of the National Board is available at: www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au.

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Presenter	Time	Venue	RSVP

Board, AHPRA	1200 – 1330	Prince of Wales Hospital / Royal Hospital for Women Royal Hospital for Women Lecture Theatre Barker St Randwick	Michelle.Hanrahan@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Board, AHPRA	1530 – 1700	Westmead Hospital Lowenthal Auditorium, within the education block, corner Hawkesbury and Darcy Roads, Westmead Cnr of Hawkesbury and Darcy Roads, Westmead. Paid car parking available at main entrance.	carolyn_fozzard@wsahs.nsw.gov.au

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Presenter	Time	Venue	RSVP
Board Chair, AHPRA	0900 – 1030	Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital 70 Eldridge Road, Bankstown Bankstown Hospital – Level 4 - Auditorium	jean-jacques.dath@sswahs.nsw.gov.au
Board Chair, AHPRA	1430 – 1600	Newcastle Hunter Valley Royal Newcastle Centre (John Hunter Hospital Site), Lookout Rd, New Lambton Heights	Jennifer.Duncan@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au Videoconferencing options available

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Presenter	Time	Venue	RSVP
Board Chair, AHPRA	1200 - 1330	Lismore, University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH) 61 Uralba St, Lismore Lecture Theatre Parking available via Dalziell St	Sheila.Keane@ucrhc.edu.au Videoconferencing to Grafton Base Hospital

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Presenter	Time	Venue	RSVP
Board Chair, AHPRA	0930 - 1100	Coffs Harbour Base Hospital 345 Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour Education Centre, room 16 (Enter via main entrance to hospital, turn left down corridor, Education Centre is about 30m along on the left).	dale.casley@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au Videoconferencing to Kempsey, Bellingen, Port Macquarie, Wauchope, Macksville

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Presenter	Time	Venue	RSVP
Board members / reps, AHPRA	1030 -1200	Goulburn Community Health Corner Goldsmith and Faithful Streets, Goulburn	Louise.Fox@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au stuart.davidson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au mid.battye@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au Videoconferencing available in Southern and Murrumbidgee Local Health Districts (i.e. Wagga and Albury)
Board members / reps, AHPRA	1530 - 1700	Wollongong Hospital Loftus St, Wollongong Conference Room 1 – Level 8, C Block Wollongong Hospital Crown St, Wollongong	Lyn.McDonell@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au Videoconferencing to Coledale, Warrawong, Nowra

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Board EO, AHPRA	1030 - 1200	Orange Orange Health Service, Bloomfield Campus, General Hospital auditorium Forest Rd, Orange	michelle.coore@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au Videoconferencing available