

To whom it may concern.

I wish to provide feedback in regards to the proposed registration standards for Occupational Therapists.

Unfortunately i can only provide criticisms at this point in time (its been a busy week).

I think 30hrs of professional development per year is excessive, furthermore why are Occupational Therapist expected to achieve higher development hours than other allied health professionals eg physiotherapist are required 20hrs. Ideally i would like to see the 30hrs reduced and the standard for those hours increased. I suggest 15hrs every 2 years, these hours would be achieved from completing short courses or attending seminars. The courses and seminars would have to be indorsed by AHPRA, similar to CPA or CA.

The reflective examples provided in appendix 2 are insulting, they are very shallow and not representative of a professional. I am a recent graduate and if I handed an assignment containing reflections of that standard, the assignment would not achieve a pass mark. If this is the standard you expect then I cannot see the benefit.

Kind regards,

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