

Hi!

I graduated in 1977, and have had a hell of a time trying to find a means of updating my qualifications. In the end, I completed a Graduate Certificate in Clinical Rehabilitation online through Flinders Uni. It also offers a Diploma and a masters. I researched for ages to come across this godsend, but I believe, if the board is serious about registration standards, then nationwide opportunities for refresher courses in OT should be made available. In Tasmania, where I live, there are no studies in OT offered at the uni. Great efforts have been made to attract and retain RNs, but no efforts seem to have been made to keep experienced and even not so experienced OTs, and I suspect the new registration guidelines will exclude even more. OTs are a dying breed, from what I can see. Besides being retained, they also need to be encouraged to diversify. The CPD demands should encourage diversification as much as possible.

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