



Communiqué

Meeting of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia November 2013

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets face to face each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board.

Audit has commenced - Compliance with registration standards

Auditing of practitioners to check their compliance with registration standards has commenced.

If you are selected for audit AHPRA (on behalf of the National Board) will notify you in writing and request you provide evidence of meeting the requirements of the standard.

You are encouraged to visit the new section of the Board's webpage to learn more about this process, which provides comprehensive information on the audit of compliance with registration standards:

www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/Registration/Audit.aspx.

If you need more information, please email the audit team at audit@ahpra.gov.au, or call the customer service line Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm on 1300 419 495.

News on the audit has been previously circulated via the Board's September newsletter, its October communiqué and a November media release.

Call for applications for appointment to National Boards

A media release has been published on the Board and AHPRA websites calling for applications for appointments to National Boards.

National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (Ministerial Council), under the National Law. Terms are expected to commence on 1 July 2014. Appointments and reappointments are for up to three years as decided by the Ministerial Council.

For more information on the role and the application process, please visit the AHPRA website:

www.ahpra.gov.au/Health-Professions/Board-member-recruitment.aspx

For general enquiries please contact boardappoint@ahpra.gov.au.

Applications close by 5.00pm AEDST on Monday 9 December 2013

Public consultation on a review of the common criminal history and English language skills registration standards

A reminder that public consultation is now open on review of the common criminal history and English language skills registration standards and that feedback from practitioners and members of the community is welcome.

Detailed information is available in the consultation paper that is published on the Board's website:

www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx

Consultation is an important part of the National Boards' engagement with registered health practitioners, members of the public and other stakeholders. The feedback provided is greatly valued, and informs the Boards' development of these important documents.

Submissions are due by 5.00pm AEDST on Monday 23 December 2013

Accreditation – Programs of study

At the November 2013 meeting the Board has considered and approved the following accredited programs of study (in accordance with section 49 of the National Law). These programs of study will be added to the Board's [approved programs of study list](#) on the website.

Monash University

Approved as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration until 31 December 2018

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Pass and Honours programs

University of Western Sydney

Approved as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration until 31 December 2018 subject to the submission of satisfactory progress reports and evidence that conditions applied by the OTC PAC will be met:

- Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)/Master of Occupational Therapy: Course code 4663 (a double degree program), and
- Master of Occupational Therapy program: Course code: 4664 (a two-year entry level program)

Griffith University

Approved as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration until 31 December 2017 subject to the submission of satisfactory progress reports and evidence that conditions applied by the OTC PAC will be met:

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, BOccThy (Program code: 1400), and
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours), BOccThy (Hons) (Program code: 1405)

2012/13 National Scheme Annual Report published

The 2012/13 Annual report of the National Scheme has now been published on the AHPRA website. The report reveals information of interest relevant to the profession such as statistics on the number of practitioners registered and the number of notifications considered. The report is a valuable resource to explain the work that the Board does and accounts to the community and the health profession about how this work is undertaken.

Full details including a media release are also available on the Board's website.

www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/News/2013-11-01-media-release.aspx

Chair



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