



Communiqué

December 2014

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.

Season's Greetings

This meeting was the last for 2014 and it affords the Board an opportunity to reflect on the previous year of work. The Board would like to extend its thanks and season's greetings to everyone who has supported the Board in its work during 2014 and wish them all the best for 2015.

Looking forward

The Board reflected that 2014 had again been extremely busy, with a significant amount of work embedding policies and process. The Board will commence its first review of its registration standards during 2015. The Board will be engaging with all stakeholders through this process and looks forward to receiving valuable and constructive input from stakeholders.

Registration renewal

Occupational therapists were due to renew their registration by 30 November. AHPRA has already forwarded registration renewal information to occupational therapists.

If you didn't renew your registration on time, you can still renew until **31 December 2014**, but a late fee will apply. The quickest and easiest way to do this is [online](#).

Practitioners, who haven't renewed by 31 December 2014, will have their registration lapse. Their name will be removed from the public register. This means they must make a new application for registration and will **not be able to practise** until their application has been finalised and their registration details are updated on the national register.

Fast track application forms will be available on the Board's website under *Forms* or by phoning the AHPRA Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 during January.

Occupational therapists who do not want to renew their registration to keep practising can simply ignore the reminders from AHPRA or go online to 'opt out' of renewing. Using the 'opt out' service puts a stop to renewal reminders.

Southern Cross University

The Board received advice from the Occupational Therapy Council (Australia & New Zealand) Ltd that it has accredited the Southern Cross University Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Honours program. Under the

provisions of s49 of the National Law the Board has approved this program of study as providing a qualification for the purposes of registration as an occupational therapist until 31 December 2017

Updating contact details

It is important that you keep your registration details up to date so that you receive important reminders. Your email address will be used by AHPRA to send you important information including renewal notices. To check your contact details, go to the [Your Account](#) link on the AHPRA homepage, and enter your User ID, date of birth and password (please note that your User ID is not your registration number). If you cannot remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or call: 1300 419 495.

Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Russell', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Mary Russell
Occupational Therapy Board of Australia