

# Get to know the new **competency standards for occupational therapists**



## **Standard 1: Professionalism**

An occupational therapist practises in an ethical, safe, lawful and accountable manner, supporting client health and wellbeing through occupation and consideration of the person and their environment.

## **Standard 2: Knowledge and learning**

An occupational therapist's knowledge, skills and behaviours in practice are informed by relevant and contemporary theory, practice knowledge and evidence, and are maintained and developed by ongoing professional development and learning.

**Being registered with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia lets people in your care know that you're qualified and competent to practise.**

The Australian occupational therapy competency standards (AOTCS) outline safe and competent standards all occupational therapists should demonstrate.

## **Standard 3: Occupational therapy process and practice**

An occupational therapist's practice acknowledges the relationship between health, wellbeing and human occupation, and their practice is client-centred for individuals, groups, communities and populations.

## **Standard 4: Communication**

Occupational therapists practise with open, responsive and appropriate communication to maximise the occupational performance and engagement of clients and relevant others.