

Communiqué

September 2015 meeting of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

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.

NRAS registration and accreditation scheme

The Board reviewed a paper on the implementation and evaluation of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme's regulatory principles. The Board agreed to the suggested minor amendment to the principles and endorsed recommendations for implementation.

The amended regulatory principles will be published on [AHPRA's website](#) in due course.

Asia-Pacific Occupational Therapy Congress

Representatives from the Board attended the [sixth Asia-Pacific Occupational Therapy Congress](#) in Rotorua, New Zealand. The congress consisted of a four day scientific program, one day post congress workshops and a concurrent trade exhibition including cultural activities.

The Board presented an analysis of risks and trends in notifications made about occupational therapists in Australia which was well received by the audience. A webinar presentation on risks and trends in notifications can be found on the [Board's website](#).

Attending international conferences is part of the board's commitment to learning from our international counterparts and sharing knowledge, leadership and experiences across cultures and countries.

Australian Catholic University program added to approved list

The Board has agreed to add the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) programs offered at the Australian Catholic University St Patrick's (Melbourne) campus, to its list of approved programs. This decision was based on advice received from the [Occupational Therapy Council \(Australia and New Zealand\)](#).

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and its expectations of practitioners on its website at www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au. Practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

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