



9th January 2012

Ms Jacqui Barry
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Dear Ms Barry

The Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland thanks the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia for the opportunity to comment on the consultation document on proposed codes and guidelines for the profession.

After consideration of the consultation paper, it is advised the Board generally supports the proposed standards. The Board is satisfied with the arrangements proposed with respect to the following:

- Advertising guidelines
- Code of conduct for registered health practitioners
- Guidelines for mandatory notifications.

In particular, the Board is in agreement with applying these codes and guidelines to occupational therapy from 1 July 2012.

In response to the request for views for any profession-specific guidance, we only make the suggestion that some more relevant examples of application to occupational therapy be considered. For example, on page 22 of the Draft Code of Conduct for Registered Health Practitioners, in section 1.2, paragraph 7 regarding limits of competence and scope of practice.

Specific comments in regard to details within the content for consideration include:

- Page 7. Draft Advertising Guidelines, section 1, paragraph 1: Consider including a specific reference to advertising using Social Media.
- Page 34. Draft Code of conduct for registered health practitioners, section 9.3 (b) and (c): consider altering to “notifying the relevant board....”
- Page 34. Draft Code of conduct for registered health practitioners, section 9.3 (b): probable typing error. Should read “....if treating another **registrant** who has
- Page 42. Draft Guidelines for mandatory notifications, Section 3, heading Sexual misconduct in connection with the practice of the practitioner’s profession (s.140(b)), line 2: typing error. Should read “.....persons under the practitioner’s care or linked to the **practitioner’s** practice....”
- Draft Guidelines for mandatory notifications: consider including some detail around Voluntary Notifications.



Should you require clarification of any of the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Davey, Executive Support Officer, OHPRB on 07 3225 2505 or daveyh@healthregboards.qld.gov.au.

Submission sent on behalf of the Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland
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