

Occupational Therapy Council of Australia Ltd

Contributing to a flexible, innovative and safe occupational therapy workforce



Role clarification

<p>Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA)</p> <p>Regulates the occupational therapy profession in order to protect the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registers occupational therapists and students. Develops registration standards, codes and guidelines for occupational therapists. Considers and makes decisions on notifications (complaints)¹ about occupational therapists. Approves accreditation standards. <p>Approves programs of study for registration purposes</p>	<p>Occupational Therapy Council of Australia Ltd (OTC)</p> <p>Is assigned the accreditation functions for the occupational therapy profession by the OTBA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops program accreditation standards. Accredits and monitors occupational therapy programs of study and education providers. Provides the OTBA with accreditation reports on programs of study and education providers. <p>Assesses, monitors and supports internationally qualified occupational therapists who want to practise in Australia.</p>
<p>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra)</p> <p>Supports the OTBA and 14 other National Boards in administering the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the first point of contact for all enquiries including those about registration and notifications (complaints)¹ Manages the registration and renewal processes for health practitioners. Publishes and maintains the national register of health practitioners. On behalf of National Boards, manages investigations into the professional conduct, performance or health of registered health practitioners¹. 	<p>Occupational Therapy Australia (OTA)</p> <p>Is the peak body representing occupational therapists²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports and represents the interests of occupational therapy members. Advocates for occupational therapists regionally and nationally Provides Continuing Professional Development courses/programs for occupational therapists. <p>Approves programs of study on behalf of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).</p>

¹ Nationally, except in New South Wales and Queensland where this is managed by the Health Care Complaints Commission, the Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA) and the 14 health professional councils, and the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), respectively.

² There is also a WA Occupational Therapy Association in Western Australia.