



COMMUNIQUE No. 02/2024

April 2024

The OTC Board met in Adelaide from 18 to 20 April 2024.

Membership of the OTC Board

The OTC Board will engage a governance/recruitment organisation to assist in the appointment of new OTC Board and committee members.

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA)

The OTC Board met with members of the OTBA to review requirements of internationally qualified practitioners for limited and general registration.

Cultural Responsiveness Plan

Following guidance from IAHA towards the development of a cultural responsiveness plan and the recommendations from the recently completed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework project, the OTC Board will continue to develop the plan and seek further input from IAHA in late 2024.

Program Accreditation Committee (PAC)

Two accreditations were approved by the OTBA. Three accreditations are scheduled for the remainder of 2024.

Accreditation fees for the next five years to 30 June 2030 will be determined in consultation with education providers.

Overseas Qualification Assessment Committee (OQAC)

OQAC continues to improve its processes and procedures for internationally qualified practitioners, and has revised its supervised practice implementation plan template to assist practitioners addressing all behaviours within the four competencies. The supervision log template has also been revised to assist practitioners to evidence the required number of sessions of direct observation by their supervisor during the assessment and treatment of clients.

A tutorial video has been developed to assist internationally qualified practitioners in developing a supervised practice implementation plan.

There are eight assessors on the OQAC team.

The IAHA cultural training is recommended for supervisors assisting internationally qualified practitioners during the period of supervised practice, noting this training would attract CPD points.

Governance and Strategic Affairs Committee (GSAC)

The GSAC continues to review and develop policies to ensure good governance of the OTC, including cultural governance.

Health Professions Accreditation Collaborative Forum (HPACF)

The meeting of the Forum scheduled for 31 May 2024 in Canberra will be attended by Assoc Prof Margaret Cook and Mr Kim Bradbury.

Australian Pharmacy Council – Interprofessional Colloquium

Assoc Prof Margaret Cook and Ms Anne Szadura will attend.
