



## REGISTRATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS WORKING IN POSITIONS NOT IDENTIFIED AS 'OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST'

### Purpose

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The objective of this policy is to identify when people require registration with the Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland.

### Background

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The on-going development of the occupational therapy profession and the growth of non-traditional positions in the health, disability, occupational rehabilitation and other sectors have seen many people with occupational therapy qualifications working in positions not titled "occupational therapist".

A person who is not registered with the Occupational Therapists Board of Queensland must not take or use the title of occupational therapist<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, a person who is not a registrant must not take or use a title, name, initial, symbol, word or description that, having regard to the circumstances in which it is taken or used, indicates or could reasonably indicate that the person is an occupational therapist or is authorised or qualified to practise the profession<sup>2</sup>.

### Policy

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It is the policy of the Board that registration is required, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

1. the job title is "occupational therapist";
2. any position where the selection criteria stipulates that an occupational therapy qualification is an essential requirement;
3. an occupational therapy qualification is listed as one of several optional qualifications; or
4. in circumstances where a person signs correspondence as an occupational therapist, purports to provide an occupational therapy service or otherwise depicts themselves as an occupational therapist even if the job title or selection criteria do not suggest that the person requires an occupational therapy qualification.



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<sup>1</sup> s121(1), *Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001*

<sup>2</sup> s121(6), *Occupational Therapists Registration Act 2001*