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The Australian Standards for Physiotherapy

The Australian Standards for Physiotherapy establish the criteria for beginning physiotherapy practitioners in Australia. The physiotherapy profession has appointed the Australian Physiotherapy Council as the custodian of the Australian Standards for Physiotherapy. The Australian Physiotherapy Council undertakes regular reviews of the Standards to maintain their relevance to contemporary physiotherapy practice.



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Australian Physiotherapy Council

What is the Australian Physiotherapy Council?

The Australian Physiotherapy Council was previously known as the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities (ACOPRA), and was initially established by Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC).

The Members of the Australian Physiotherapy Council are the eight State and Territory Physiotherapists Registration Boards, the Australian Physiotherapy Association and a Member representing the Schools of Physiotherapy in Australian universities.

The Australian Physiotherapy Council's mission is to lead the national agenda for the assurance of high standards in physiotherapy for the Australian community.

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Nationally consistent registration

The Australian Physiotherapy Council explores issues and makes recommendations relevant to a nationally consistent approach to physiotherapy registration. Issues to be explored may be identified by relevant groups or authorities, including the Physiotherapists Registration Boards, Australian Physiotherapy Association, AHMAC or individual Health Ministers.

Accreditation

The Australian Physiotherapy Council accredits tertiary level programs of physiotherapy education in Australia for the purpose of recommending to State and Territory Physiotherapists Registration Boards the suitability or not of graduates from these programs to be registered to practise as physiotherapists. As physiotherapists are primary contact practitioners, the accreditation process has implications for community safety. A national accreditation process serves the community by ensuring that accredited physiotherapy education programs meet criteria appropriate for the preparation of entry-level physiotherapists as primary contact practitioners in Australia.

Assessment of overseas-qualified physiotherapists

For registration

The Australian Physiotherapy Council undertakes assessment of overseas-qualified physiotherapists on behalf of the Physiotherapists Registration Boards in Australia. In this context, the process assesses the capacity of an overseas-qualified physiotherapist to provide safe and effective physiotherapy within the context of the Australian healthcare setting and across the scope of physiotherapy practice as expected at initial registration.

For migration purposes

The Australian Physiotherapy Council is also responsible for the assessment of overseas-qualified physiotherapists for migration purposes. In this context the process assesses the suitability of an overseas-qualified physiotherapist for the occupation of Physiotherapist for the purposes of migration to Australia under the General Skilled Migration Categories.



Physiotherapy in Australia

Physiotherapy in Australia involves a holistic approach to the prevention, diagnosis, and therapeutic management of disorders of movement and pain or optimisation of function to enhance the health and welfare of the community from an individual or population perspective. The practice of physiotherapy in Australia uses an evidence-based, clinical reasoning process. The physiotherapist may undertake the following activities: the performance of physiotherapy assessments and the treatment of any injury, disease, or other condition of health, or the prevention or rehabilitation of injury, disease, or other condition of health. Physiotherapists may use physical interventions, and/or exercise prescription and/or electrophysical agents within a framework of empowerment of the individual/carer or the community through education.

Physiotherapy services are used in a wide variety of areas such as health organisations, private practices, schools and community, and sports and workplace settings.