

Know the Difference



Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand

TE POARI WHAKAORA NGANGAHAU O AOTEAROA
FOSTERING FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PROFESSION

THE REGULATOR

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Occupational Therapy New Zealand
Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa

THE ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE

- Regulation of registered Aotearoa New Zealand whakaora ngangahau (occupational therapy) practitioners
- Protection of public health and safety by ensuring ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau (occupational therapists) are fit and competent to practise

- Support members to excel professionally
- Promote the occupational therapy profession by providing resources, education, and representation
- Operate under a treaty relationship governance model giving effect to the provisions, spirit, and intent of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- Maintain a public register of ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Set standards for the clinical competence, cultural competence, and ethical conduct of ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Scope of Practice for ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Code of Ethics for ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Competencies for Registration and Continuing Practice for ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Issue practising certificates through a renewal process each year
- Provide policies, standards, and guidelines for overarching areas of practice
- Implement monitoring and oversight mechanisms
- ePortfolio and auditing

- Promote profession via membership and representation to other professional bodies and key stakeholders
- Promote standards and evidence-informed practice
- Promote professional dialogue and debate via member special interest group platforms
- Develop practice-related position statements, guidelines, and resources
- Advocate best practice whakaora ngangahau occupational therapy in Aotearoa New Zealand

EDUCATION

- Set qualifications needed for becoming a kaiwhakaora ngangahau
- Approve programmes leading to registration in Scope of Practice
- Set standards and conditions for recertification, induction, and orientation programme
- Approve, accredit, and monitor programmes of study
- Engage and communicate with ngā kaiwhakaora ngangahau and the public about the Board's role

- Approve the programmes of the occupational therapy schools on behalf of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)
- Facilitate research and sharing of knowledge in the practice of whakaora ngangahau through education research grants, conferences, workshops, seminars, newsletters, magazines, journals, and sector communication
- Facilitate Occupational Therapy Week

COMPLAINTS & NOTIFICATIONS

- Receive, assess, and manage complaints and notifications about the practice of individual kaiwhakaora ngangahau

- Provide indemnity insurance cover to individual members