



Occupational Therapy Board of New Zealand

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Occupational Therapy New Zealand Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa

Dear occupational therapist

We write to acknowledge and congratulate all occupational therapists who have worked through, and continue to practice during these challenging times.

A recent [survey](#) showed that a large number of practitioners were able to practice during level 4, and that occupational therapy was seen as an essential service. It was fascinating to see practitioners move to using telehealth as a means of delivering services. Telehealth guidelines were developed by the Board supplemented by a COVID-19 tool kit produced by the Association.

Our respective organisations will continue to support the profession with updates, newsletter and resources on our websites. The Board and Association have been meeting fortnightly to “check in” on the work we are doing. It is important that we complement our respective roles and functions.

We will continue to monitor developments and advice from the Ministry of Health, Government and other agencies. Where possible information will be contextualised to support professional practice.

We wish you well in your practice and home life, and hope you can strike the right work/life balance during these extraordinary times.

The Occupational Therapy Board remains open with staff working remotely.

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