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This Circular is important and should be read carefully

CIRCULAR TO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS

You will soon be completing your studies for either the Degree of Bachelor of Physiotherapy or Master of Physiotherapy (Graduate Entry) at the University of South Australia and you will be entitled to commence the practice of physiotherapy when you have completed the requirements for the qualification and are registered by this Board. Therefore, we draw your attention to the points appearing under the heading, REGISTRATION, in the notes attached. These notes outline the relevant provision of the Physiotherapy Act under which this Board is constituted and operates.

As you will be aware from perusal of these notes, upon your qualifying for the award of the Degree and formally applying for registration, the Board may grant you registration. You will then be entitled to commence the practice of physiotherapy in this State. Upon notification from the University of South Australia that you have completed the requirements for registration the Registrar has the power to grant provisional registration which will remain in force until the application is determined by the Board.

An application form for registration can be downloaded from the Board's website or direct from the offices of the Board. When you have qualified for the award of the Degree by successfully completing all requirements, the form of application may be completed and lodged at this office together with the relevant fee as set out below:-

<u>Applications lodged between</u> <u>01/07/09 to 31/12/09</u>		<u>Applications lodged between</u> <u>01/01/10 to 30/06/10</u>	
Registration Fee	\$195.00	Registration Fee	\$100.00
Application Fee	<u>100.00</u>	Application Fee	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$295.00</u>		<u>\$200.00</u>

(fees are non refundable)

If you wish to commence practice promptly, you will be wise to ensure that your application is lodged and all other requisites complied within one week of notification of your final results.

No further notice regarding registration will be given to students.

James E Bailey
Registrar

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THE PHYSIOTHERAPY BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Constituted by and operating under the provisions of
THE PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTICE ACT 2005

The Act provides for the practice of physiotherapy in South Australia only by persons and companies registered by the Board and for the control of registered physiotherapists by the Board. All physiotherapists should familiarise themselves with the legislation governing their profession, the Act and Regulations being available from the State Information Centre.

For the assistance of physiotherapy students, notes on the provisions of the Act which will chiefly concern them are set out hereunder.

REGISTRATION:

No matter what qualifications may be held, physiotherapists are not entitled to commence practice in South Australia until actually registered by the Board. Any physiotherapist who should commence practice prior to registration would be committing an offence against the Act and would be liable for prosecution.

Applications for registration must be made on the prescribed form which can be downloaded from the Board's website or are available from the offices of the Board. The form must be completed and lodged at the office of the Board, together with payment of relevant fee as set out below:-

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The application form must be fully completed, including the name of the Degree for which qualifications have been attained under Section 9.

All applications are submitted by the Registrar to the Board which orders registration or otherwise. Applications are notified immediately of the Board's decision.

To ensure that qualified physiotherapists will have the opportunity to commence professional practice without delay, the Registrar has the power to grant provisional registration. Provisional registration remains in force until the application is determined by the Board. Therefore, when qualified, physiotherapists wishing to commence practice should lose no time in lodging with the Board their applications and fee previously mentioned.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that when registered your name will remain on the official Register of physiotherapists in this State until such time as you apply for and are granted de-registration or commit an offence leading to your de-registration by order of the Board. Disregard and non-payment of accounts for renewal fees (this becomes due for the ensuing year and recoverable from each person on the Register on 1 July – see later) does not effect the removal of names from the Register.

Similar provisions for registration are required by other State Boards. For your information a list of interstate Boards and their addresses are attached.

ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE:

Subject to the Physiotherapy Act registration as a physiotherapist remains in force until 30 June following the grant of registration. The registration may then be renewed for successive periods of one year expiring on 30 June. An application for renewal of registration must be made to the Board on the requisite form and this application must be delivered to the Registrar not earlier than 1st April and not later than 31 May preceding the end of the registration period, accompanied by the renewal fee which is currently \$195.00.

BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES:

Applicant's full residential address must be shown on the form of application for registration.

A physiotherapist must within fourteen days of changing his or her residential, postal or professional address notify the Board in writing of the change. A physiotherapist must not practice under a name (whether a company name or a business name) unless that name has first been approved by the Board.

Physiotherapists failing to notify changes of address are not only offending against the Act, but important notices and correspondence from this Board could fail to reach them.

THE BOARD:

The functions of the Board are quite separate from those of the Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA).

The Board is appointed to administer the Act and see that its provisions are carried out. It is responsible to the Minister for Health.

The Board consists of nine members –

A legal practitioner, a medical practitioner, two persons who are not legal practitioners, medical practitioners or registered physiotherapists nominated to represent the interest of persons receiving physiotherapy services, a registered physiotherapist nominated by the Council of The University of South Australia and four registered physiotherapists elected by registered physiotherapists.

A member of the Board who is a registered physiotherapist is elected by the Board to preside at meetings of the Board.

CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION:

A certificate of registration is issued by the Board to every registered physiotherapist. Such certificate must be returned to the Board on cessation of registration.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

The practice of physiotherapy is a profession, and it is the duty of all registered physiotherapists to maintain the high standards of conduct expected of the members of any profession. For your information a copy of the Code of Ethics issued by the Board is attached.

Please be advised that the Board is currently developing a new Code of Conduct for physiotherapists which will be submitted to the Minister for Health for approval in the near future. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with this Code on its introduction and we recommend that you monitor the Board's website and correspondence for further information in relation to the Code of Conduct.

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REGISTRATION BOARDS**

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Physiotherapists Registration Board
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SYDNEY NSW 2000
(PO Box K599 HAYMARKET NSW 1238)

QUEENSLAND

P: (07) 3234 1164
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E: physiotherapy@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
www.physioboard.qld.gov.au
Registrar: John Greenway

Mrs Pauline Portier – Assistant Registrar
The Physiotherapists Board of Queensland
Level 19, Forestry House
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BRISBANE QLD 4000
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Mr Greg Luckman - Registrar
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VICTORIA

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MELBOURNE VIC 3000
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BRADDON ACT 2612

NORTHERN TERRITORY

P: (08) 8999 4157
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Physiotherapists Registration Board of NT
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WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND

*THE PHYSIOTHERAPY BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
CODE OF ETHICS
(revised September 1996)*

Physiotherapists shall:

1. Act at all times to provide an appropriate service for patients/clients in their care unrestricted by considerations of nationality, race, culture, creed, politics or social status.
2. Hold in confidence all personal information entrusted to them except where interprofessional communication is in the best interests of the patient.
3. Recognise the extent and limitations of their professional expertise and those of physiotherapy attendants and undertake only those activities that are within their competence.
4. Co-operate with their physiotherapy colleagues and members of related professions.
5. Use discretion when teaching to other than physiotherapists, physiotherapy procedures which demand the competence of a physiotherapist, to safeguard the patients well-being.
6. Not allow their names accompanied by vocational or professional affiliation to appear in association with any product sold or distributed to the public.
7. Not permit patients under their care to be billed for physiotherapy services in their own name, where the recipient of the fees for such services is a third party who is not a physiotherapist.
8. Not provide physiotherapy services which are billed as a medical practitioner's consultation or service.
9. Having acted as a locum tenens or assistant, shall not:
 - 9.1 continue the treatment of a patient after the return to practice of the principal, unless with the consent of the principal;
 - 9.2 succeed to the practice of the principal, except by purchase, or with the consent of the principal, or the principal's representatives.
10. Physiotherapists may advertise their practice provided that such advertising:-
 - (1) is not false;
 - (2) is not misleading or deceptive, or likely to mislead or deceive;
 - (3) is not vulgar or sensational such as would be likely to adversely affect the standing of the physiotherapy profession;
 - (4) does not consist of self-laudatory statements;
 - (5) does not claim or imply superiority for the practitioner over other practitioners;
 - (6) does not denigrate others;
 - (7) does not contain testimonials or endorsements concerning the practitioner or the practice;
 - (8) complies with the Australian Physiotherapy Association ethics and policies.
11. Physiotherapists should be familiar with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) document 'Statement on human experimentation' before undertaking research involving human subjects. Physiotherapists should be familiar with the provisions of the Australian Code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes and with its general principles outlined in the NHMRC document 'Statement on animal experimentation', if undertaking experiments on animals. Physiotherapists wishing to carry out research must submit their project to an appropriate Institutional Ethics Committee for approval following that Committee's guidelines.