



## Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

10 July 2024

### Health Ministers announce a National Board appointment

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce a new appointment to fill a vacancy on the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA) regulating occupational therapists under the National Scheme.

The vacancy was not filled during the 2023 National Board recruitment round. The vacancy was first advertised in the national metropolitan press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the OTBA website in March 2023. Further targeted advertising strategies were used in October 2023.

The statutory appointment made by the Ministerial Council is set out below:

- Mrs Nicole Manganaro (first term) - appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia to the OTBA for a period of 3 years from 9 July 2024.

Ministers welcome Mrs Manganaro to her role on the OTBA and thank her for expressing interest in, and commitment to, the principles of the National Scheme and the regulation of occupational therapists in the public interest.

Appointments are made under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, in force in each state and territory and are consistent with the *National Board Member Succession Planning Principles*.

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