

Your submission

Occupational Therapy Australia recommends that occupational therapists be added to the list of authorised witnesses for a statutory declaration in Australia during the current review of the Statutory Declarations Regulations, 1993.

Since 2012, occupational therapy has been a nationally registered profession, under the national scheme, and all people using the title "Occupational Therapist" in Australia are registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in accordance with the National Law, and are required to uphold professional standards and abide by a code of conduct and ethical practice (Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, 2014).

Chiropractors and Physiotherapists, who currently appear on the list, are also registered with AHPRA, so this would bring our profession into line with others who are similarly trained and qualified and who can currently act as authorised witnesses.

Many thanks for your consideration of this recommendation.

Reference:

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (2014). *Code of Conduct*. Occupational Therapy Board of Australia. (Online). Available at: <http://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines/Code-of-conduct.aspx> [Accessed 26/4/2017].