

# **COUNCIL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS REGISTRATION BOARDS (AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND) INC.**

## **Call for Tender - Survey of Occupational Therapists**

**Closing Date:** 31 August 2007  
**Closing Time:** 4pm (SA local time)  
**Publication Date:**  
**Location:** All States of Australia & New Zealand

### **Background**

The primary objects of the Council of Occupational Therapists Registration Boards (Australia & New Zealand) Inc. ("the Council") are to identify matters relevant to statutory occupational therapist regulation in Australia and New Zealand, and to undertake assessments of overseas qualified occupational therapists for skilled migration, registration and membership of OT AUSTRALIA.

### **Description**

Survey new occupational therapy graduates in Australia and New Zealand 6-12 months after graduation, and all overseas-trained occupational therapists who have completed the Council's 6 month practice audit requirements on:

- (a) Their level of preparedness for work.
- (b) Professional development processes.
- (c) Supervision.
- (d) Near misses and mistakes.
- (e) Structure and environment.

### **Deliverable**

- Brief literature review on issues above.
- Development of survey tool.
- Identification of graduates and practice audit applicants.
- Distribute survey.
- Completion of a report including results.
- Operate with a reference group.

### **Aim**

New graduates in particular provide an ideal window to the profession, their education, and the potential for harm to the public by inexperience. A number of studies completed, particularly in the USA, have shown that there is potential for harm and near misses, particularly with inexperience. This data would assist the Boards to understand the environment in which they manage registration and the risk for patients.

### **Time Frame for Delivery**

8 months from the acceptance of the tender.

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