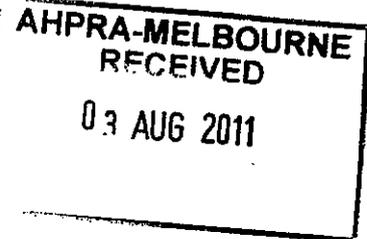




The Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand



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Submission for Physiotherapy Board of Australia consultation on registration standards and guidelines for limited registration

The Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand (the Board) thanks the Physiotherapy Board of Australia for the opportunity to comment on the consultation on registration standards and guidelines for limited registration.

The purpose of the Board is to set, monitor and promote competence, continuing professional development and proper conduct for the practice of physiotherapy in the interests of public health and safety.

The Board supports the Physiotherapy Board of Australia's new limited registration standards and guidelines and commends it on the current revisions. The Board is particularly pleased to note that the standard period of registration for *limited registration in the public interest* has been shortened to 1 month. This should help ensure that only those physiotherapists who do not intend to continue practising long-term will apply for limited registration.

The supervision document is very much parallel to the intent of New Zealand's Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and is a positive direction for maintaining good ethical practice which is good for the profession. The Board hopes that this will bring both boards closer together and enhance a future relationship.

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