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**Physiotherapy Board**  
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# Physiotherapy Graduate Webinar

**May 2021**

**Presented by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia**



# Welcome to the Profession

To practice you need to:

- register
- renew each year
- meet the registration standards, and
- inform Ahpra of change of primary practice locations and addresses.



# Meet the Board



# The Physiotherapy Board



The Board's role is to ensure that Physiotherapists:

- are suitably qualified
- provide safe practice to the public
- maintain registration standards
- overseas trained have suitable skills, knowledge and qualifications, and
- do not continue to practice if they pose a risk to the public.

## Community Members on the Board

- Minimum of 2 (Physiotherapy has 4).
- Consumer and community views.
- Experience and expertise.
- All views are equal.
- Non-representational.

# Physiotherapists in Australia



38,727 registrants at  
March 2021

**0.5% had notifications  
in the last year**

**0.2% have  
practice  
restrictions**



**65.6% female 34.4% male**



**50% primary practitioners**

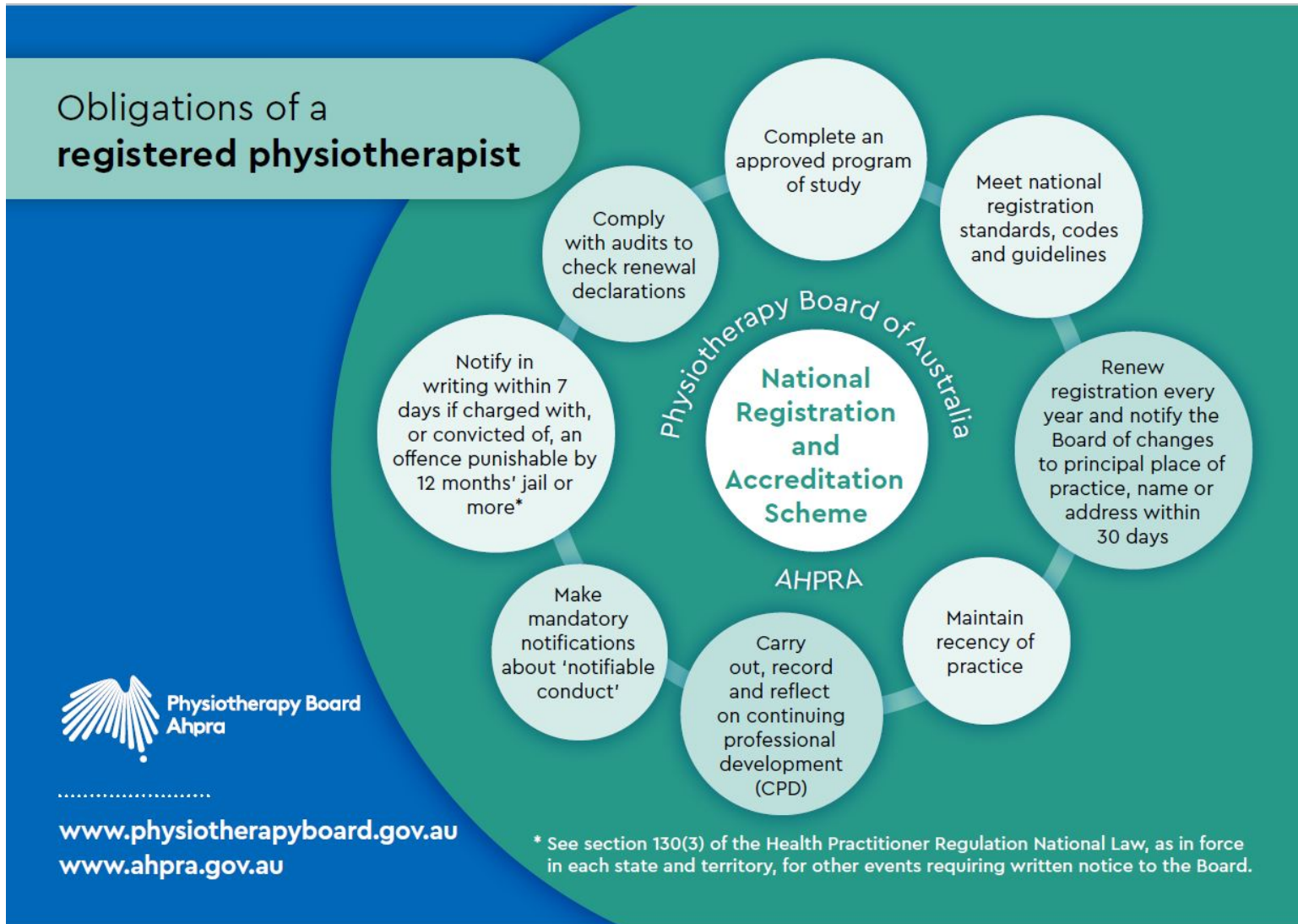
**70% private practitioners**



**0.7% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**



# The National Scheme



# Registration standards

- English Language Skills
- Continuing Professional Development
- Recency of Practice
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Criminal History

# English language standard...



- Are suitably qualified
  - IELTS – min score of 7 in each of 4 components attained in 1 sittingor
  - OET – overall pass with A or B grades in each of 4 components attained in 1 sitting.

# Professional Indemnity Insurance... (PII)



- All practising physiotherapists must have PII.
- Practitioner's responsibility to make sure of adequate coverage.
- May need your own additional PII.
- In application you commit to having appropriate PII and do not need to supply evidence of PII initially.

# Criminal history examples...

- Student on way home from party punched abusive passer by in defence of girlfriend - assault charge... **disclose.**
- Shoplifting at age 17 - \$200 fine - no conviction recorded... **disclose.**
- Possession of prohibited drugs - no conviction recorded, direction to attend drug counselling course, \$500 fine... **disclose.**

# Criminal history examples...

- Guilty plea to causing bodily harm in motor vehicle crash  
- good behaviour bond for two years... **disclose.**
- Drink driving - \$600 fine, lost license for 2 years... traffic offence but **preferable to disclose** as charges show up on checks.
- Speeding fine - \$100 fine, lost 3 demerit points... **no need to disclose.**

# Recent practice

450 hours over previous three years

or

150 hours over previous registration period



# CPD = Life-long Learning

## Are you CPD audit ready?



Make sure you read, understand and put in action the Board's continuing professional development (CPD) requirements.

The Board's CPD registration standard, guidelines and resources are available at [www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au).

### Five stages of CPD:

**Plan**

**Do**

**Record**

**Reflect**

**Practise**

### Remember:

**You** declare when you renew your registration whether you meet the Board's CPD requirements.

You should store **your** CPD records safely for five years.

It's up to **you** to plan your CPD activities.

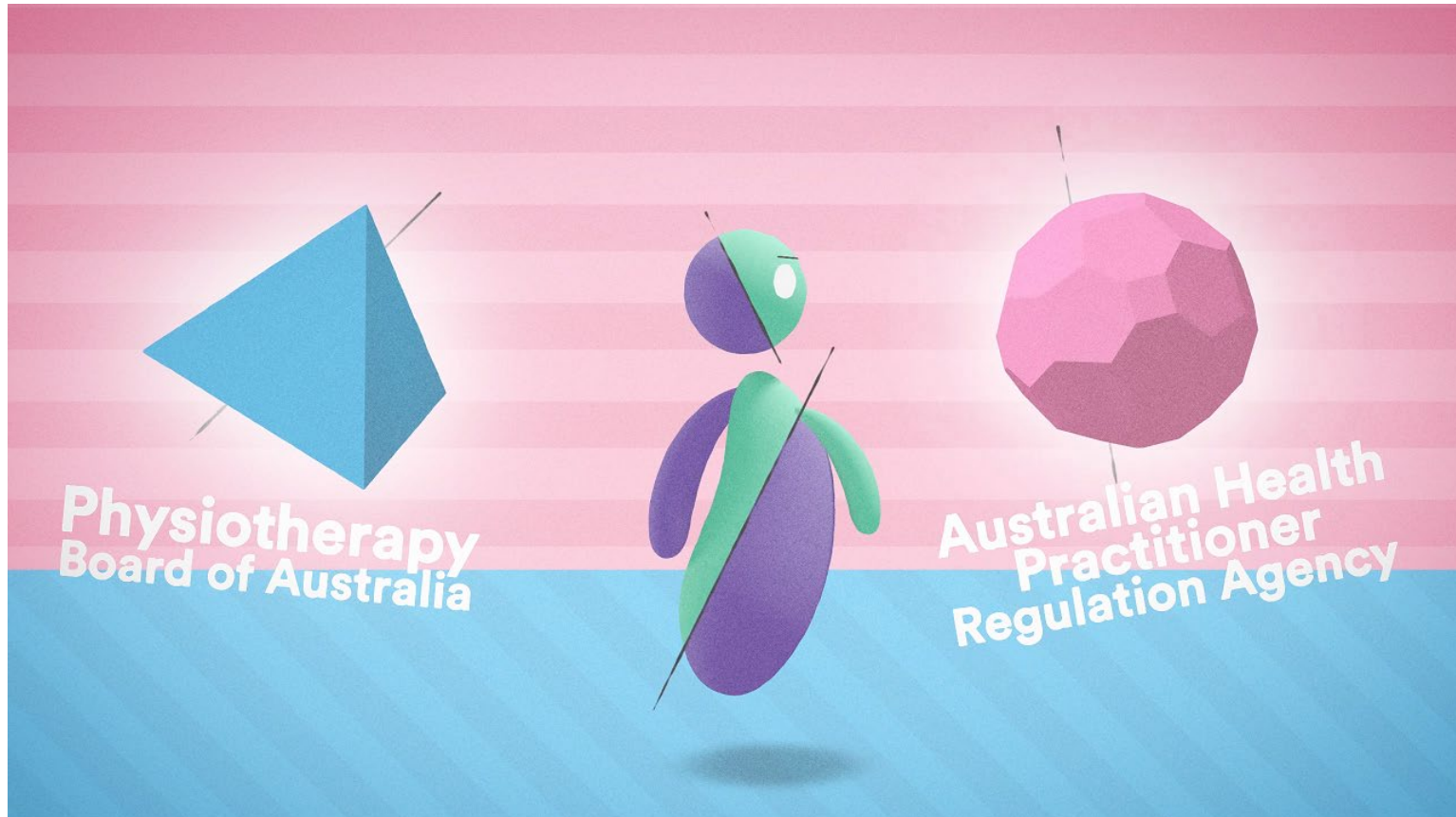
CPD helps **you** expand your knowledge and skills: good news for your patients.



# Code of Conduct

- Shared with 11 professions
- Encompasses good physiotherapy practice and ethical practice:
  - including providing good care, working with patients/clients, record keeping and sexual boundaries.
- Practitioners can be held to account against this document if a complaint is made against them.

# New Graduate video



# Voluntary Notifications...



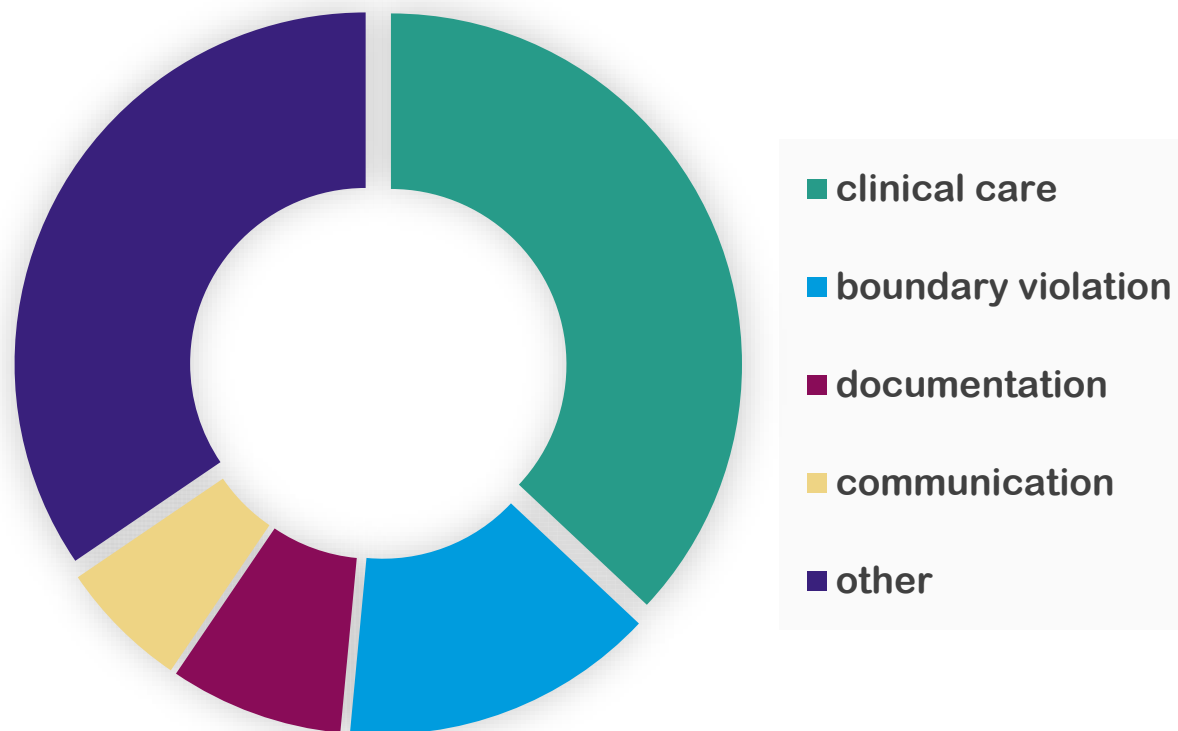
- **Anyone** may make a notification about a practitioner's **performance, conduct or health** in writing, on-line or by phone.

# Mandatory notifications



- impairment
- intoxication while practicing
- departure from professional standards, and
- sexual misconduct.

# Recent notifications



# Questions

**Thanks**