



Statement from the National Board

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Pathway to registration for graduates from Australian non-accredited courses

The Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) has developed a pathway to assess graduates from Australian non-accredited courses.

Individuals who pass this assessment will be eligible to apply for general registration with the National Board in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme). The National Board established this pathway under 53(c) of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

In developing this pathway, the National Board had as its primary focus the protection of the public by ensuring that only suitably trained and qualified practitioners are registered. Other important factors in the National Board's decision to finalise the pathway were ensuring its regulatory robustness under the National Law and facilitating its expedient development.

The National Board commissioned the Australian Physiotherapy Council (APC) to develop the assessment, which is required to ensure that in these rare cases of applications pursuant to s. 53(c), individuals who pass the assessment meet the same requirements as graduates of an approved and accredited program of study – and that they are suitably qualified and competent for general registration.

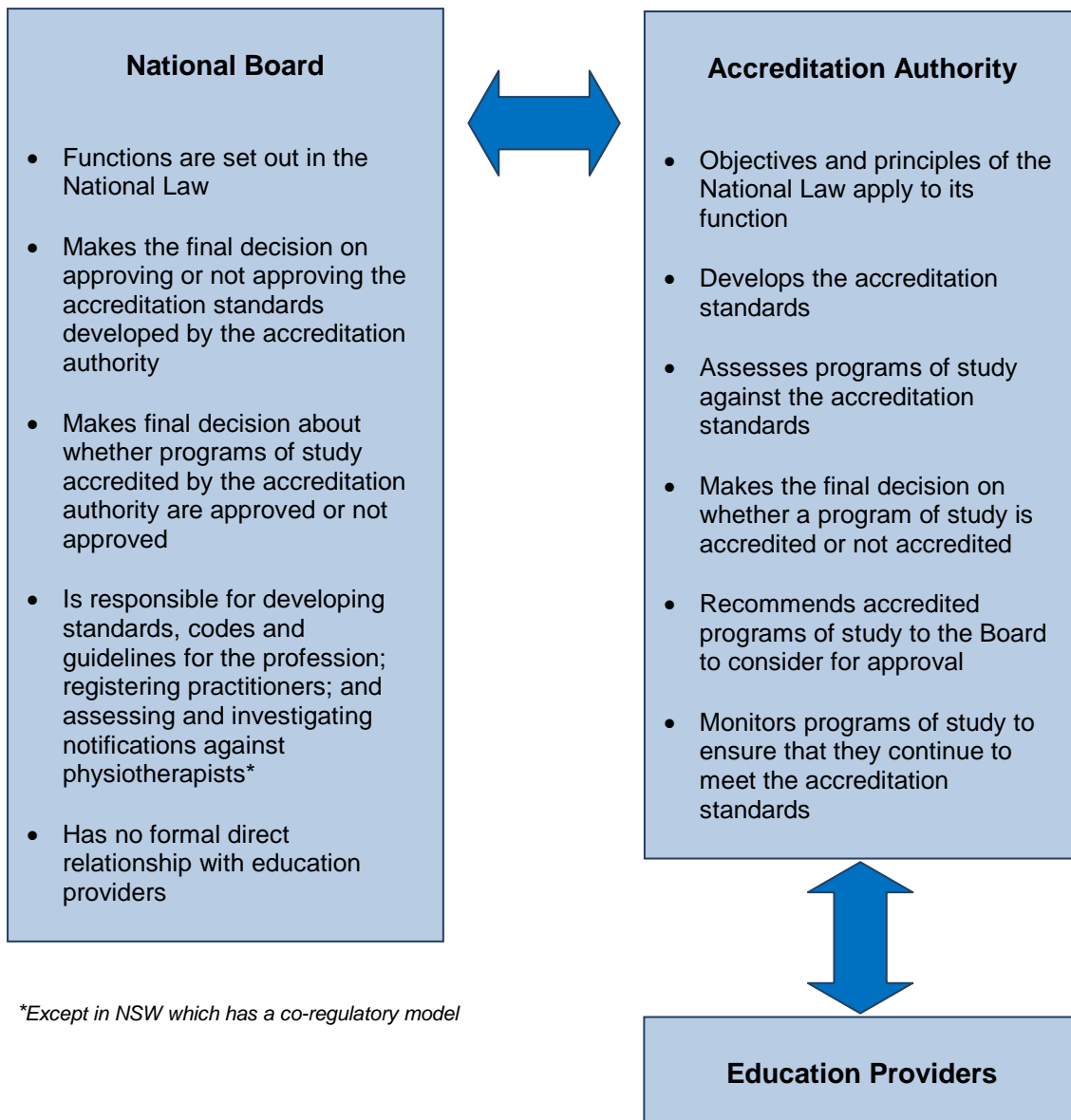
The National Board selected the APC to develop the assessment as it was able to draw on its expertise in assessing overseas qualified physiotherapists, and was able to develop a robust assessment in a short period of time.

The details of the assessment will be published by the APC on its website in approximately mid January 2013.

While the details are still being finalised, the National Board will keep affected graduates informed, and will continue to contact them directly whenever appropriate.

Please refer to page 2 for an overview of the accreditation process.

The accreditation function under the National Law



For more information

- Fact sheet on becoming a registered physiotherapist at www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au
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