

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION  
BOARD OF TASMANIA

# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2005

**REMINDER!!**

**The Physiotherapists Registration Board  
has moved to:**

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**REGISTRATION**

**Please Renew Your Registration ASAP!**

It would be appreciated if you would pay your registration at the earliest possible opportunity as this avoids potential problems experienced due to the increase in the volume of mail at the end of December and in early January.

Registration fees for 2006 are as follows:

<b>Application fee:</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Registration fee:</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

The date of expiry of registration has been altered for 2006, registration certificates will have an expiry date of 31 January 2007.

**EMPLOYMENT OF REGISTERED  
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

All physiotherapists are reminded that it is their responsibility to be properly registered prior to commencing practice in Tasmania. Practicing while unregistered is prohibited under the Physiotherapists Registration Act, it is also likely to make any professional indemnity insurance void, exposing the practitioner to full legal liability in the event of an accident.

Employers must ensure that **all** physiotherapists they employ are fully registered with the Board. All registered physiotherapists are issued with a current registration certificate, which should be sighted prior to commencement.

The registration of newly registered physiotherapists, not yet in possession of a registration certificate can be confirmed by phoning the Board.

**CHANGES ON THE BOARD**

The Physiotherapists Registration Board consists of five members, three of whom must be physiotherapists and two consumer representatives.



The Minister for Health and Human Services has appointed two new members to the Board following the retirement of Mr Dennis Holzberger and Mr Peter Lloyd.

The new members are Paul Shinkfield, who is a physiotherapist employed by the Department of Health and Human Services; and Malcolm Upston, who is a welfare officer with the Australian Education Union.

Julia Drew has been appointed as Chair of the Board.

The other members of the Board are Janet Millner, physiotherapist and Margaret Murray, consumer representative.



The Board thanks both Dennis Holzberger and Peter Lloyd who have retired after serving for the maximum of two consecutive terms permitted under the Act.

## BOARD PRIVACY POLICY

The Board has recently adopted its Privacy Policy, which has been developed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004.

The Board collects personal information from physiotherapists for the purpose of processing applications to practice. Physiotherapists are required to provide this information by the Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999.

Physiotherapists' personal information is used for the primary purpose for which it is collected and may be disclosed to other authorised organisations. Some information will be recorded on the Register of Physiotherapists, which is a public document. At all times your personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004.

A copy of the Privacy Policy may be downloaded from the Board's website [www.physioboard.tas.gov.au](http://www.physioboard.tas.gov.au)

## VISITING PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

The Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999 requires that all persons practising physiotherapy in Tasmania must be registered.

All physiotherapists visiting Tasmania with sporting teams, or providing or attending lectures or conferences with hands-on components, etc. need to register with the Tasmanian Physiotherapists' Registration Board.

The Board grants limited registration to visiting physiotherapists on receipt of a completed application form, provided that the physiotherapist would normally be eligible for registration in Tasmania. No registration fee is payable.

### Limitations:

Physiotherapists travelling with visiting sporting team are only permitted to treat members of that team.



Physiotherapists attending a course or seminar are only permitted to apply treatments for the purposes of demonstrating or learning a technique.

**This form of registration is not available for physiotherapists acting as locums or for other short term appointments where practitioners may be treating a number of patients.**

Registration forms for visiting physiotherapists can be downloaded from the Board website at [www.physioboard.tas.gov.au](http://www.physioboard.tas.gov.au)

## Travelling Interstate

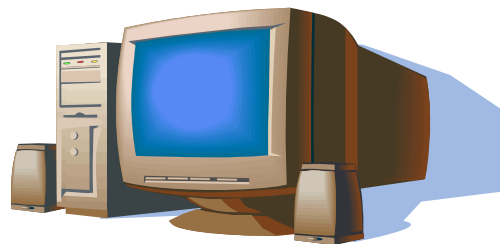
Tasmanian registered physiotherapists visiting another State with a sporting team or attending hands-on courses, should check with the registration Board in that State to ensure that they comply with local registration conditions.

## WEBSITE: [www.physioboard.tas.gov.au](http://www.physioboard.tas.gov.au)

The Board has a website to assist in communication with both physiotherapists and the general public.

As well as providing general information the site provides the following documents:

- Registration procedures and application forms;
- Board policy documents;
- Newsletters
- Legislation



The website also has links to interstate registration boards, ACOPRA and the government legislation unit.

Suggestions for additional information that could be included on the website are welcome.



## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OFFICE HOURS

The Board's office will close at 12 noon on Friday 23 December 2005 and will re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2006.

The members and staff of the Board wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year!

**GREG LUCKMAN**  
**REGISTRAR**