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**Physiotherapists Board of  
the  
Northern Territory  
Supervisor's Report  
Conditionally Registered  
Physiotherapist**

## 1 Introduction

Physiotherapists, who have graduated from Universities in the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland or Canada, may apply to the Physiotherapists Board of the Northern Territory for conditional registration.

In issuing the conditional registration, the physiotherapist has agreed to only practise under certain conditions. One of those conditions is that reports will be completed by the Supervisor and the reports will be forwarded to the Board at regular intervals. See Explanatory Note 1. The Reports will be assessed by a nominated member of the Board. Feedback will be provided directly to the conditionally registered physiotherapist in writing.

The *Health Practitioners Act 2004*, the legislation that regulates the practise of Physiotherapy in the Northern Territory, defines supervision to "include oversight, direction, guidance and support." The Board expects that for the first 2 weeks of employment the physiotherapist/s providing the supervision will actually be on the premises and present to observe, work with and direct the conditionally registered physiotherapist. After the initial period of on premises supervision the supervision may be provided when the supervising physiotherapist/s are not on the same premises as the conditionally registered physiotherapist, however, the supervising physiotherapist/s must be available via the telephone to provide assistance and advise as necessary. The Board expects the supervising physiotherapist/s to meet regularly with the conditionally registered physiotherapist. See Explanatory Note 2.

Any registered physiotherapist with at least 3 years post-graduate experience may act as the primary or secondary Supervisor. The Board expects that the Supervisor would have experience in the area where the conditionally registered physiotherapist is employed. For example, a physiotherapist with 3 years post-graduate experience in cardiac rehabilitation would not be deemed suitable to provide the supervision to a conditionally registered physiotherapist in a sports physiotherapy practice.

It is incumbent on the Supervisor to make an objective assessment in the interests of public safety and protecting the registrant's best interests. The Board requests that the Supervisor assess the registrant in the following areas:

- Communication skills;
- Ability to provide safe clinical practise;
- Participation in professional development programs and activities; and
- Strengths and areas for improvement.

## 2 Details of the physiotherapist who will act as primary Supervisor

Name:		
Northern Territory Registration Number:		
Postal address:		
Telephone number:	(bh)..... (ah).....	Mobile.....







**9 Other comments**

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**Name of person completing Supervisors Report** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the Supervisor Report and the contents have been discussed with me.**

**Signature of the conditionally registered physiotherapist** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please feel free to provide additional comments or documents.**

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## **Explanatory Notes**

### **1 Meaning of “regular intervals”**

The first report is due at the completion of the first two weeks of supervision and then reports are to be forwarded every 6 weeks.

### **2 Meaning of “meet regularly”**

The Board expects that meetings between the supervising physiotherapist/s would occur at 6 weekly intervals to coincide with the completion of the Supervisors Reports. The Board acknowledges that due to the great distances between centres in the Northern Territory it is not always possible for the meetings to occur face to face, however it is expected that at least every other meeting is a face to face meeting with telephone link up being utilised for the other meetings.

At the meetings discussion should occur on at least case notes, referral processes, case studies, pertinent policies and procedures and other issues of concern or those that require clarification.