

IMPLEMENTATION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS (AHP) ACT

From 15 April 2013, the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) will commence registration of occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech-language therapists. The move is aimed at ensuring high standards and safeguarding the interests of the public. It will bring Singapore in line with international norms, especially in view of the growing demand for allied health professionals from a rapidly ageing population.

Registration of Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Speech-Language Therapists

2. The registration recognises appropriately trained and qualified professionals for practice in Singapore.

3. There are four types of registration: full, restricted, conditional and temporary. The Council will determine the registration status of each applicant based on his/her training and qualifications, practice experience, and other relevant credentials.

4. There will be a grace period up to 14 April 2014 for therapists already practising in Singapore to get registered in order to continue practice. Occupational therapists, Physiotherapists and Speech-language therapists who are not practising in Singapore must be registered before they can work as therapists here.

5. The Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) will be conducting briefings in April to explain the registration process and requirements for therapists. Interested therapists may sign up for the briefings through the AHPC Secretariat. More information is also available on the AHPC website at <http://www.ahpc.gov.sg>.

About the Allied Health Professions Council

6. The AHPC is a professional board under the Ministry of Health (MOH) which governs and regulates the professional conduct and ethics of registered allied health professionals. It comprises 11 members from the Allied Health professions and representatives from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education who are appointed by the Minister for Health for a term of 3 years. A full list of the Council members may be found in Annex A.

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ANNEX A

Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC)

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Physiotherapists

3. Mr Abdul Rashid Jailani
Assistant Director, Allied Health Division Jurong Health Services
4. Ms. Susan Niam
Director, Operations (Allied Health Services)
Tan Tock Seng Hospital
5. Dr. Wong, Wai Pong
Associate Professor, Singapore Institute of Technology

Speech Language Therapists

6. Ms. Helen Chandler-Yeo
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National University of Singapore
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Head, Speech Therapy Department
Singapore General Hospital

Radiographer

8. Mr Gary Tan Theng Tiak
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