

Executive Summary and Recommendations

INTRODUCTION

As part of the legislative powers defined in Article 12 2 (a) and (b) of The Health Professions Order 2001 the HPC can produce a list of comparable qualifications to the HPC UK Standards of Proficiency.

DECISIONS

On the basis of the information outlined in the Table 1 in this document, the committee is asked to:

- 1. Recommend the process described in Background information section as the on-going method for establishing qualifications comparable to Article 12 (2) (a) approval**
- 2. Recommend the list in Table 1 below for approval under Article 12 (2) (a)**
- 3. Agree that the HPC will publish a list showing Name of Institution, Degree title and graduation**
- 4. Agree that the HPC must have approved a minimum of 10 applicants before a qualification is approved under Article 12 (2) (a)**
- 5. Review Information annually by resending applications for assessment to ensure that the qualification is still deemed comparable under Article 12 (2) (a)**

TABLE 1

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	NEW ZEALAND	Auckland University of Technology	BSc Health Science (Physiotherapy)	2001	10
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	Queensland University	BSc Physiotherapy	2000	11
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	"	"	2001	12
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	University of Sydney	BSc Physiotherapy	2001	16
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	"	"	2002	11
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	Stellenbosch University	BSc Physiotherapy	2002	13
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Witwatersrand	BSc Physiotherapy	2002	21

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 26th 2004 an extract of data was taken from the HPC register. The report parameters were set to look for all non UK applicants who had been approved for registration. Listing, Application number, type of applicant, Profession, Name of Institution, Name of Qualification awarded, start date of training and end date of training. The report was then filtered further to show only applicants who had been approved for registration after 9/7/03, who had applied via the International Registration route and who were a version 2 applicant (i.e. new rules) The result showed a total of 3057 records, which is the basis of this report. (Ref TABLE 2 below)

TABLE 2

PROFESSIONS	TOTAL NO. OF APPLICANTS APPROVED
Arts Therapists	5
Biomedical Scientists	259
Chiropodist	31
Clinical Scientists	42
Dieticians	162
Occupational Therapists	651
Orthoptists	0
Paramedics	24
Physiotherapists	1203
Prosthetists & Orthotists	0
Radiographers	493
Speech and Language Therapists	187
GRAND TOTAL (International)	3057

The total number of International Physiotherapy applications approved under the new process is 1203 applicants. The logical starting point to sort applications was to investigate the frequency with which an institution appeared on the list of approved International Physiotherapy applicants.

Table 3 below shows a list of 12 most commonly named Institutions where International Physiotherapy applicants were trained. In addition, for each named Institution, we show the total number of International Applicants who were approved for HPC registration and who had attended a training course at this Institution. The percentage of Applicants from these Institutions constitutes 39% of the total Physiotherapy applications and nearly 13% of the overall total of approved Applicants. Following this analysis, it was necessary to establish a number of other details which are explained in the tables below for each Institution.

TABLE 3

NAME OF INSTITUTION	TOTAL NO. PHYSIOTHERAPY APPLICANTS FROM INSTITUTION
Auckland Institute of Technology	31
Curtin University	33
La Trobe University	33
Otago Institute of Technology	33
Queensland University	62
Stellenbosch University	28
University of Melbourne	30
University of Pretoria	12
University of South Australia	34
University of Sydney	50
University of Western Cape	14
University of Witwatersrand	37
GRAND TOTAL	397

An initial sort was made against the title of the qualification awarded to each International applicant. Following this the data was further sorted by graduation year in which the qualification was awarded these are listed in the attached appendices Tables 1 - 12.

The same parameters were set to sort Radiography applicants who had been approved for registration. The most commonly named institutions are listed in Table 4 below:

TABLE 4

NAME OF INSTITUTION	TOTAL NO. RADIOGRAPHY APPLICANTS FROM INSTITUTION
University of Melbourne	16
Charles Sturt University	13
University of Queensland	30
University of Newcastle (NSW)	22
University of South Australia	19
University of Sydney	28
Curtin University	14
University of Witwatersrand	20
TOTAL	162

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Registration Manager – 5 days per month
IT – Build and run reporting tool

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at present

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Data source from LISA Registration database

APPENDICES

Tables 1- 12 attached to this document

APPENDIX 1

NEW ZEALAND

TABLE 1

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	NEW ZEALAND	Auckland University of Technology	BSc Health Science (Physiotherapy)	1997	1
			“	1999	1
			“	2000	3
			“	2001	10
			“	2002	3
			BSc Health Science (Physiotherapy)	Unknown	2
			Other	Varied	11
				TOTAL	31

TABLE 2

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	NEW ZEALAND	Otago Institute of Technology	BSc Physiotherapy	1996	1
			“	1997	1
			“	1998	1
			“	1999	3
			“	2000	4
			“	2001	8
			“	2002	4
			“	2003	2
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	4
			Other	Varied	5
				TOTAL	33

APPENDIX 2

AUSTRALIA

TABLE 3

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	Curtin University	BSc Physiotherapy	1999	1
			"	2000	5
			"	2001	9
			"	2002	5
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	6
			Other	Varied	7
			TOTAL		33

TABLE 4

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	La Trobe University	BSc Physiotherapy	1998	1
				1999	1
				2000	6
				2001	6
				2002	9
				2003	2
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	6
			Other	Varied	2
			TOTAL		33

APPENDIX 2 CONTD.

AUSTRALIA

TABLE 5 a

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	Queensland University	BSc Physiotherapy	1981	1
				1990	1
				1997	3
				1998	2
				1999	4
				2000	11
				2001	12
				2002	6
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	6
			Other	Varied	12
			TOTAL		62

TABLE 5 b

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
RADIOGRAPHY (DIAGNOSTIC)	AUSTRALIA	Queensland University	BSc Diagnostic Radiography	1992	1
				1997	3
				1999	2
				2000	3
				2001	4
				2002	4
				2003	2
			BSc Diagnostic Radiography	Unknown	1
			Other	Varied	10
			TOTAL		30

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TABLE 6

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	University of Melbourne	BSc Physiotherapy	1997	1
			“	1998	2
			“	1999	1
			“	2000	7
			“	2001	6
			“	2002	6
			“	2003	1
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	2
			Other	Varied	4
			TOTAL		30

TABLE 7

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	University of South Australia	BSc Physiotherapy	1997	1
			“	1998	1
			“	1999	1
			“	2000	5
			“	2001	6
			“	2002	3
			“	2003	7
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	5
			Other	Varied	5
			TOTAL		34

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AUSTRALIA

TABLE 8 a

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	AUSTRALIA	University of Sydney	BSc Applied Science (Physiotherapy)	1992	1
			"	1993	2
			"	1996	1
			"	1997	1
			"	1998	3
			"	1999	1
			"	2000	2
			"	2001	16
			"	2002	11
			"	2003	4
			BSc Applied Science (Physiotherapy)	Unknown	5
			Other	Varied	3
				TOTAL	50

TABLE 8 b

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
RADIOGRAPHY (DIAGNOSTIC)	AUSTRALIA	University of Sydney	BSc Medical Radiation Sciences (Diagnostic)	1998	1
			"	1999	1
			"	2000	2
			"	2001	9
			"	2002	2
			BSc Medical Radiation Sciences (Diagnostic)	Unknown	5
			Other	Varied	8
				TOTAL	28

APPENDIX 3

SOUTH AFRICA

TABLE 9

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	Stellenbosch University	BSc Physiotherapy	1983	1
				1990	1
				1997	1
				2000	2
				2001	4
				2002	13
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	1
			Other	Varied	5
				TOTAL	28

TABLE 10

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Pretoria	BSc Physiotherapy	1999	1
				2001	2
				2002	6
			Other	Varied	3
				TOTAL	12

TABLE 11

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Witwatersrand	BSc Physiotherapy	1990	1
				1997	1
				1999	2
				2000	1
				2001	6
				2002	21
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	2
			Other	Varied	3
				TOTAL	37

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SOUTH AFRICA

TABLE 12

PROFESSION	COUNTRY	NAME OF INSTITUTION	NAME OF QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF GRADUATION	TOTAL NUMBER OF GRADUATES APPROVED FOR HPC REGISTRATION
PHYSIOTHERAPY	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Western Cape	BSc Physiotherapy	1995	1
				1996	1
				2000	2
				2001	2
				2002	1
				2003	1
			BSc Physiotherapy	Unknown	1
			Other	Varied	5
				TOTAL	14