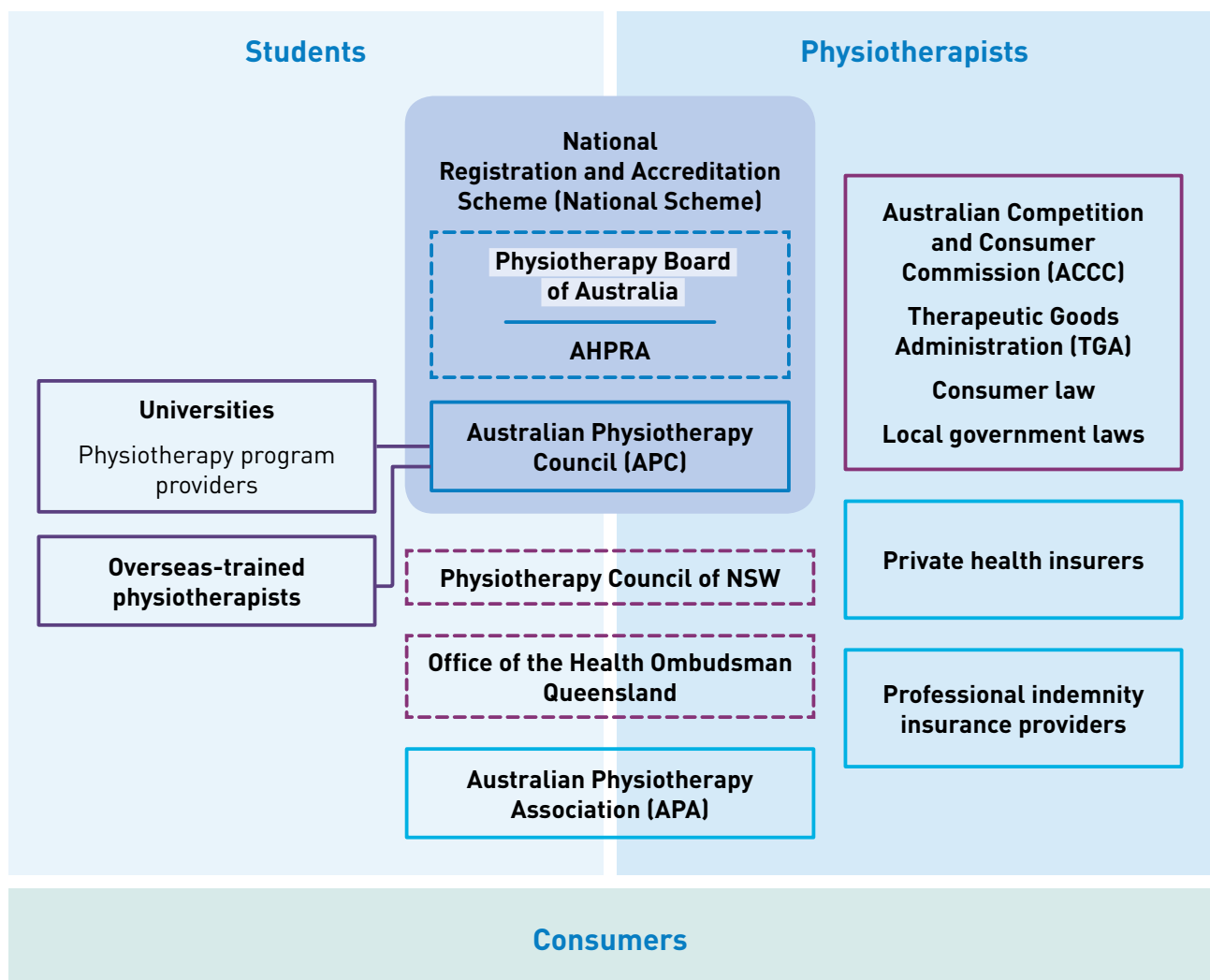


Physiotherapy regulators and stakeholders

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law) provides a regulatory framework for the accreditation and registration of health practitioners. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards, including the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, work within a complex regulatory environment and the regulation of these practitioners is a shared responsibility.



Key



Deal with complaints about the health, conduct or performance of registered physiotherapists and/or students.

Functions and/or responsibilities of entities and organisations

This information is provided as a guide only. For detailed information about the functions and/or responsibilities of these entities/organisations refer to their respective websites.

Physiotherapy Board of Australia

Regulates the physiotherapy profession in order to protect the public:

- Registers physiotherapists and students.
- Develops registration standards, codes and guidelines for physiotherapists.
- Considers and makes decisions on notifications (complaints)* about physiotherapists.
- Approves accreditation standards and programs of study for entry to the profession.

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

Supports the National Boards in administering the National Scheme:

- First point of contact for all enquiries including about registration and notifications (complaints)*.
- Manages the registration and renewal processes for health practitioners.
- Publishes and maintains the *Register of practitioners*.
- On behalf of National Boards, manages investigations into the professional conduct, performance or health of registered health practitioners*.
- Has offices in each state and territory.

Australian Physiotherapy Council (APC)

- Assigned the accreditation function for the physiotherapy profession by the Board.
- Develops accreditation standards.
- Accredits and monitors physiotherapy programs of study on behalf of the Board.
- Assesses overseas-trained physiotherapists who want to practise in Australia.

Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA)

- Provides member support.
- Advocates for members.
- Provides some continuing professional development (CPD) for physiotherapists.
- Member of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT).
- Committed to the concept of continued professional education.
- Offers advanced training and support from physiotherapists working in a similar area through its 14 national groups.

* Nationally, except in New South Wales and Queensland where this is managed by the Health Care Complaints Commission, the Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA) and the 14 health professional councils, and the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), respectively.