

Occupational Therapist update March 2023

Dear Member,

Your committee completed substantive work on industrial and Award-specific issues impacting Occupational Therapists across the state over the last few months.

The current Awards are no longer fit for purpose. The Awards fail to recognise the various changes in work which have occurred in the last 10 years.

The Committee has been working diligently over the last few months, comparing the conditions and entitlements offered to OTs working in other States across Australia and reviewing your feedback from the HSU Allied Health Award reform survey.

The Committee has now finalised the key priority areas that need to be focused on for any Award reform processes. The Committee called a state-wide meeting for all Occupational Therapists working within the NSW Public Health system on March 22nd, to provide a comprehensive update on identified Award reform issues and seek your endorsement. Once the wider membership has endorsed this work, the Committee can commence developing solutions to these issues.

If you have a collective issue that you'd like the Committee to explore or issues you'd like placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting, please contact HSU Industrial Officer Anam Rafi on anam.rafi@hsu.asn.au.

If you're not a member, there's never been a more important time to come onboard. You can join the HSU here: www.hsu.asn.au/join.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD