

Early Intervention Physiotherapy Framework

Q&A for physiotherapists

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TRAINING

1. What does the training involve?

Training will be an online module, accessible via the TAC, VWA and APA websites from 1 September 2014. The module is self-paced and will take about 2-3 hours to complete. Themes include the Clinical Framework and treating compensable patients. The training will also attract CPD hours.

To access the online module, [click here](#).

To register for either of these sessions please email provider@tac.vic.gov.au.

2. Is the training a one-off?

Yes, at this stage. The training will be reviewed over time and if there is new evidence or information to be communicated, you may be asked to refresh your training.

3. How will the TAC and VWA know that I've completed the training?

At the end of the training, a declaration will appear with your name and AHPRA number. This can be completed and sent in via fax or email. The completed declaration is your proof of completion and request to enrol in the EIPF program.

4. How soon after I complete the training can I access the higher rates?

TAC and VWA will aim to complete all applications for enrolment in 10 business days. You will receive confirmation once your enrolment is complete. You may start billing the EIPF rates once your enrolment is confirmed.

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6. Who is eligible to enrol in the framework?

Any physiotherapist can join the framework after they have completed the training and signed the declaration. You must also be a registered practitioner with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

7. How do I enrol into the framework?

The first step is to complete the [online training](#). Visit the TAC and VWA websites for training information. Once you have completed the training, you will be provided with a copy of the declaration to sign and return. Once received, the TAC and VWA will enrol you into the framework and notify you when confirmed.

8. How long will my enrolment last?

Your enrolment is valid for three years. The TAC and VWA will be in contact before this period ends with advice on how to continue your enrolment.

9. Is my enrolment linked to a practice location?

No, your enrolment relates to you as an individual provider and is not restricted to a practice location (as with Occupational Physiotherapy). You do, however need to notify the TAC and VWA if you change practices or start at a new location. On the declaration you will be asked to nominate your current practice locations for contact information and to ensure the TAC and VWA accounts systems are updated.

Practice managers should be aware that within their practice, some physiotherapists will be part of the framework and others not.

10. Can I opt in to join the Early Intervention Physiotherapy Framework for just the TAC or VWA?

Yes. In the declaration you can choose whether to enrol for TAC only, VWA only or both TAC and VWA patients. Every business is different and should decide whether to take on patients from one or both schemes. You are not obliged to treat patients from both schemes if you enrol with both.

11. Is there a minimum experience level for entry into the Early Intervention Physiotherapy Framework?

No. The EIPF is designed to broaden the pool of physiotherapists who are trained in managing compensable patients. All physiotherapists are eligible to join the EIPF if they have met training requirements and are eligible to provide services to TAC clients and injured workers.

12. Can I join the framework if:

- **I'm an undergraduate student?**

No, as you will not yet be a registered provider with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

- **I provide physiotherapy services in a hospital or community health centre?**

Yes, you may join the framework but will be paid according to the applicable fee schedule. For example, if you practise in a hospital, you will be paid in line with the relevant hospital fee schedule available on the TAC and VWA websites. Early Intervention Physiotherapy Framework rates are only applicable for providers in private practice.

- **I practise interstate?**

Yes. You will need to sign the declaration and provide treatment in line with the Victorian TAC and VWA policies.