

## **Assessment of Overseas Occupational Therapy Applicants**

### **1. International Applicants**

The Occupational Therapy Board of the CPSM required international applicants to sit a written examination at Oxford Brookes University.

A contract was drawn up between the University and the Occupational Therapists Board for holding these examinations which took place 4 times a year. This system is still being used under the HPC.

The original contract was for 3 years and ended in January 2001. It was then renewed in January 2001 for another 3 years until January 2004. The contract contains a termination clause that states that either party may terminate the agreement upon 9 months prior notice. There is currently no contract between the HPC and Oxford Brookes University.

The Registration Committee discussed this matter at its last meeting and recommended that the status quo be maintained for the time being during the transitional period and that the contract with Oxford Brookes University be taken over by HPC. Mr. Bracken, the Council's legal adviser, would be consulted on any amendments or mechanisms necessary to enable HPC to take over the contract with Oxford Brookes University.

The Council is asked to ratify the Registration Committee's recommendation.

### **2. EEA Applicants**

These applicants are each assessed on an individual basis by a pair of assessors who are themselves occupational therapists. These applicants also have the option of sitting an examination if they wish.

At present there are only 4 assessors. An advertisement to recruit more assessors was placed in the British Journal of Occupational Therapy and 10 applications have been received. Those applying to be Occupational Therapy assessors will have to be interviewed, selected and trained.

The Registration Committee discussed this matter at its last meeting and recommended that those applying to be Occupational Therapy assessors should be interviewed by the relevant Occupational Therapy Council member and by the HPC Human Resources Director. The Registration Committee further recommended that any assessors who were appointed should receive training.

Council is asked to ratify the Registration Committee's recommendation.