

Guidelines for Public Member Appointments

The Physiotherapists Act requires that the council have public representation

Role: The role of the public member is to actively participate in the decision making of the Council and to address issues that are critical to physiotherapy and health-care. The public member's role is to provide the Council or Committees with a public, non-physiotherapist perspective and with an understanding of consumer issues.

Term of Office: The public member is appointed for a two-year term of office. Council meetings are held September to June, usually every 6 - 8 weeks. Occasionally, special meetings may be called. An Annual General Meeting is held once per year. Public members are expected to attend these meetings.

Selection Criteria:

The candidate for selection should:

- have an interest in health and be informed on health matters generally
- have time to devote to the role
- have an interest in providing public service
- have good communication skills
- preferably have previous committee or board experience or volunteer or work experience
- have the ability to work well as part of a team, contribute reasoned opinion and support decisions reached by the Council.