

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## ACOTRO Launches Website for Occupational Therapists www.acotro-acore.org

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**Victoria, BC –** The Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations launches its website this Tuesday, demystifying the registration process for occupational therapists in Canada.

"This website is for anyone wanting to register and work as an occupational therapist in Canada," Kathy Corbett, ACOTRO's president stated. The site is full of information on how to get registered, the various stages and players in the assessment process, and the documents required, she added.

Established in 1989, ACOTRO is a national organization whose goal is to promote consistency and excellence within the occupational therapy regulatory environment across Canada. Its membership is comprised of the ten provincial regulators who are mandated to protect the public by regulating the practice of occupational therapy in Canada.

"It can be confusing, especially to those educated outside Canada, to understand the registration requirements in this country. Each province has its own regulatory standards and processes, and if you move from one province to another, you have to re-register," Corbett said.

www.acotro-acore.org is the product of ACOTRO's Harmonization Project, an initiative funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. The Harmonization Project aims to harmonize registration standards and processes across the country by creating a consistent, fair and transparent approach to the assessment of internationally-educated applicants' educational qualifications and competencies. This website supports us in that effort.

ACOTRO's bilingual website brings all the information together, explains how registration works in Canada, responds to frequently-asked questions, and directs interested applicants to the right resources and sites in order to get registered. Visit <a href="https://www.acotro-acore.org">www.acotro-acore.org</a> to view the site.

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