

Global glossary of terms

APA	means the Australian Physiotherapy Association
APA Member	means a member of the Australian Physiotherapy Association
APA CEO	means the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Physiotherapy Association
APA NPSP	means the Australian Physiotherapy Association National Professional Standards Panel
Appeal	means a formal written request by a participant or employee to have a decision overturned
ACGSC Chair	means the chairperson of the ACP Appeals, Complaints and Grievances Standing Committee
Appellant	means the participant or employee who lodges an appeal
Applicant	means a person who makes application to the College to participate in the College's Fellowship programs, professional development, milestone credentialing or membership of the College
Assessor	means a person engaged in any activity that involves evaluation of a participant, including, but not limited to clinical examiners, written task markers and credential assessors
Business Day	means 8.30a.m – 5.00p.m on any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday) when banks in Victoria are open for business
CG Panel	means the panel appointed to hear a complaint or grievance
Client	means the person who engages with the physiotherapist for provision of a service
College	means the Australian College of Physiotherapists
College manager	means the APA staff member designated by the APA CEO to be the College Manager
College program	means Education delivered by the Australian College of Physiotherapists
Complaint	means an expression of dissatisfaction made to or about an organisation, related to its products, services, staff or the handling of a complaint, where a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected or legally required" (as defined by the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 10002:2014, <i>Guidelines for complaint management in organizations.</i>)
Complaint and Grievance Panel	means a panel convened as per the APA committee regulations
Complainant	means the party who makes a Complaint or Grievance
Conflict of Interest Procedure	means the procedure outlined in the Appeals, Complaints and Grievances Procedure to be followed when a written allegation is made to the College that a conflict of interest exists
Educator	means, but is not limited to any course presenter, facilitator, mentor, tutor, lecturer, demonstrator engaged in College education or professional development
Entity	means a discrete body which may or may not be part of the APA



Grievance	means a complaint by a participant in education or professional development where the individual has a problem or concern that they have been subject to inequitable application or violation of the policy or procedures of the APA. It does not include matters relating to grading of results
Learner	means any person engaging in learning through an education program or professional development activity of the College
Milestone	means an observable marker of an individual's ability along a developmental continuum
Milestone credential	means a continuum of performance from Foundation (Milestone 1) to Expert (Milestone 4)
Participant	means College learners and College applicants
Staff	means employees of the APA engaged in College business, remunerated educators and assessors of education and professional development of the College
Special consideration	means an equity measure in the event of unforeseen or adverse circumstances that may negatively impact a participant's ability to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and/or competence
Supervised practice	means a learner is observed undertaking clinical practice with a client, simulated patient or other participant by an educator or assessor
The College	means the Australian College of Physiotherapists
Titling	The APA Physiotherapist Title is a measure of career progress. It represents a physiotherapist who is highly qualified in a particular area of practice