

OHSIG08

Professional Standards Past, Present and Future

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Workplace Health & Safety Strategy

Objective 3A of the strategy is to

Develop and implement industry-led initiatives to improve workplace health and safety.

OBJECTIVE 3A:- ACTION POINT 8

Strengthen the competency of occupational safety and health professionals and practitioners through specialised education and training, and certification and professional development programmes.

Workplace Health & Safety Strategy

ADDRESS ISSUES OF

COMPETENCY

SPECIALISED EDUCATION

TRAINING

CERTIFICATION

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

LEGISLATION

**Examples of those ‘professionals’
requiring a ‘legal’ license to practice**

Nurses

Lawyers

Accountants

Physicians

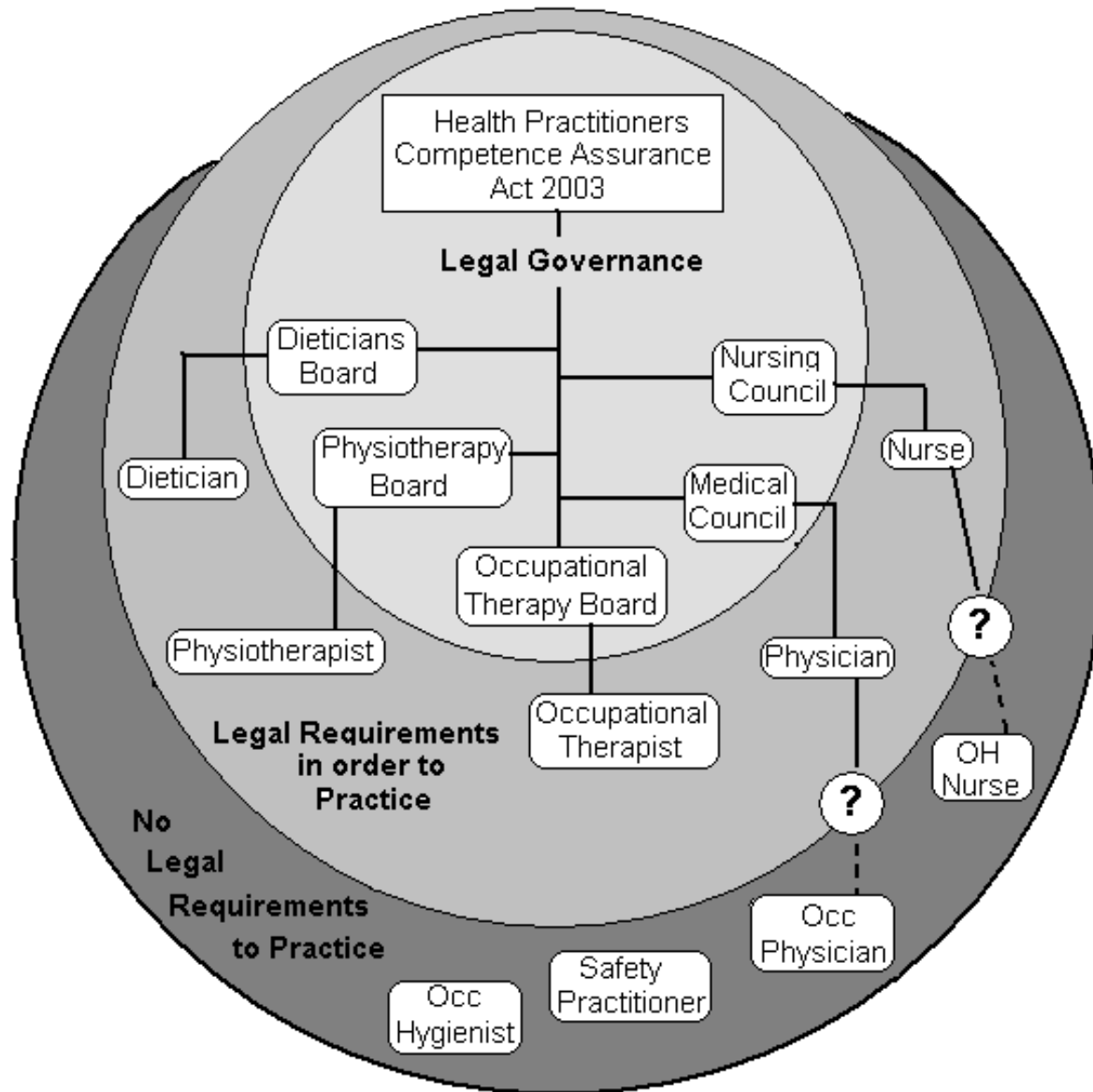
Electricians

Pilots

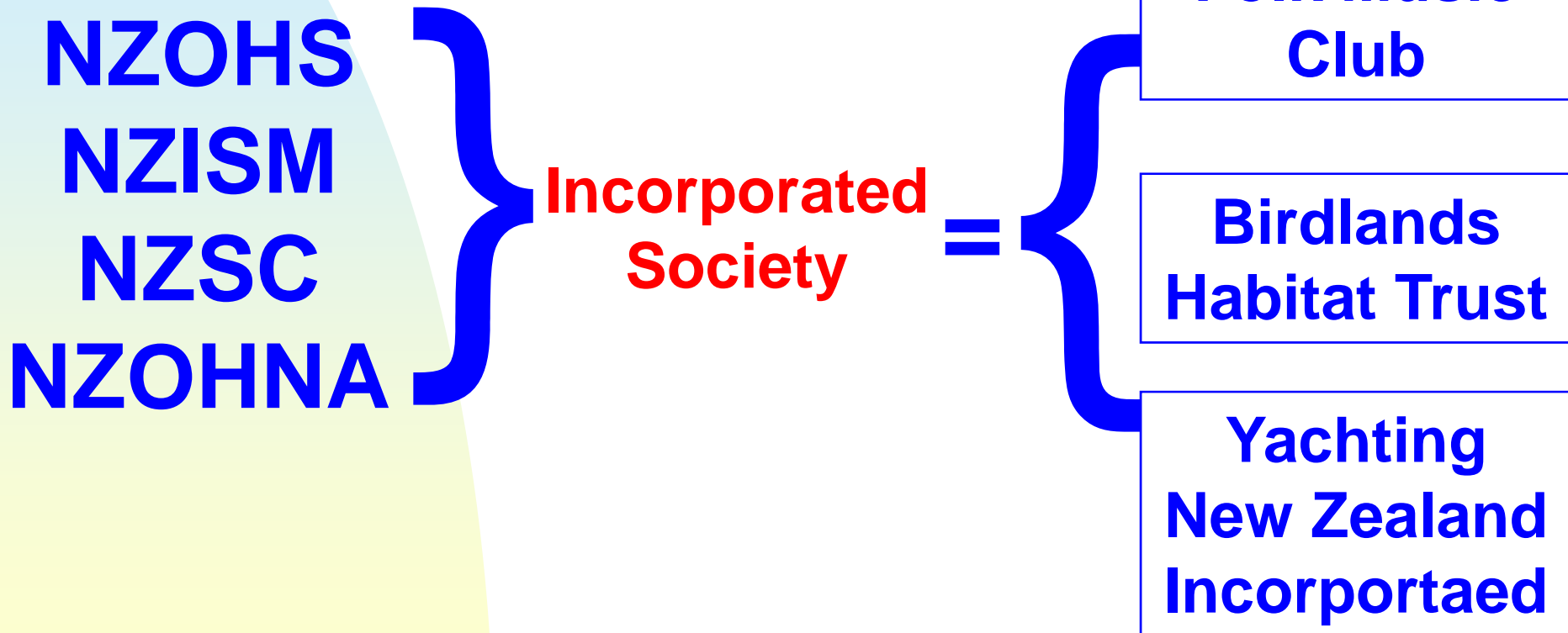
LEGISLATION

There is nothing in law that requires defined qualifications for most OH professionals

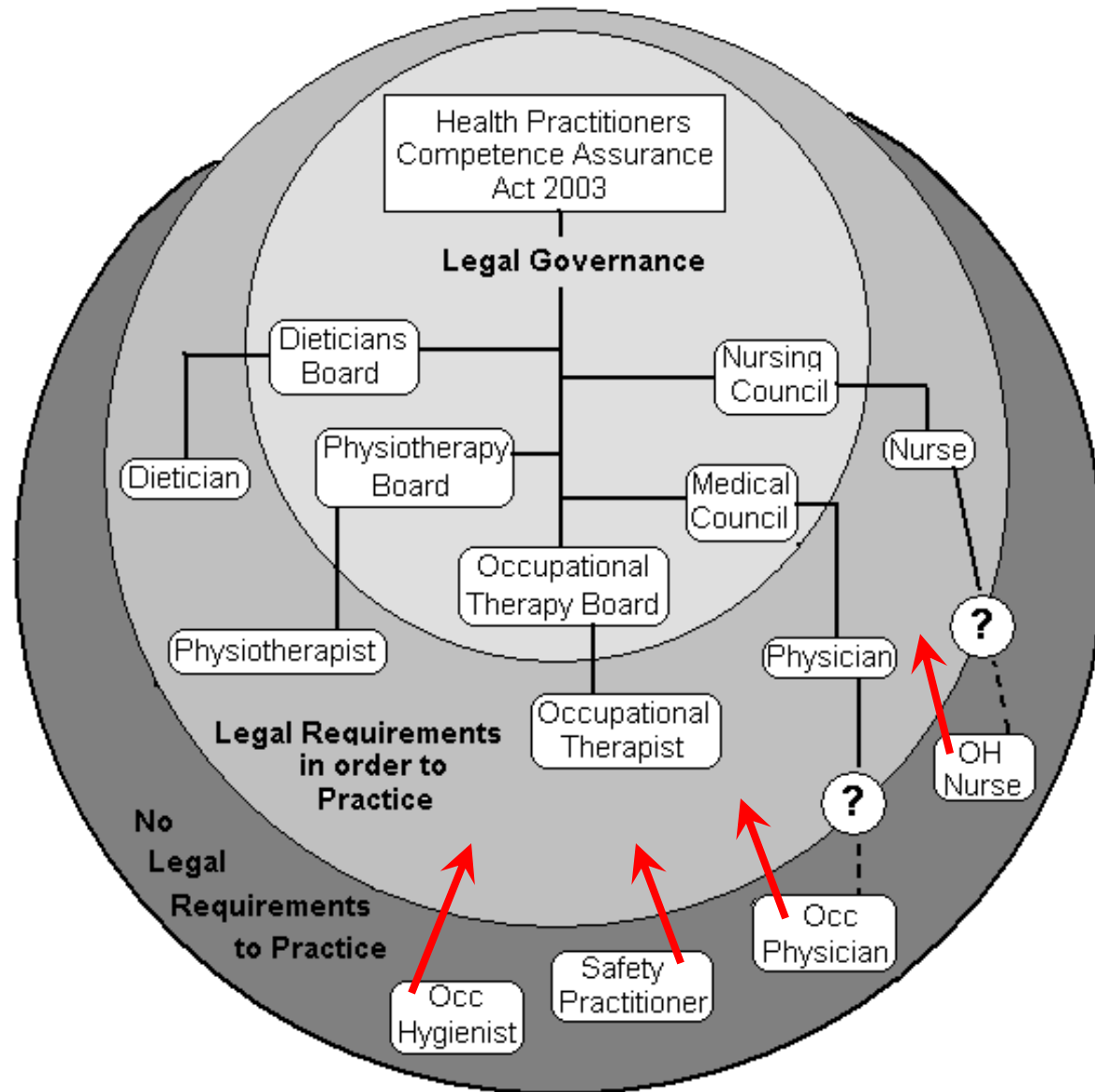
WHERE ARE WE?



OUR “PROFESSIONAL” BODIES



WHERE DO WE NEED TO GET TO?



BASIC STRUCTURE

OHP Secretariat

Occ Hyg Faculty

OHN Faculty

OSP Faculty

Registration/Licensing

Examination

Training Module 4

Training Module 3

Training Module 2

Training Module 1

Education/Training

**Collaboration : Transparency
Co-Development : Cross Training**

Education/Training

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Hygiene Qualifications

Core Subjects 1

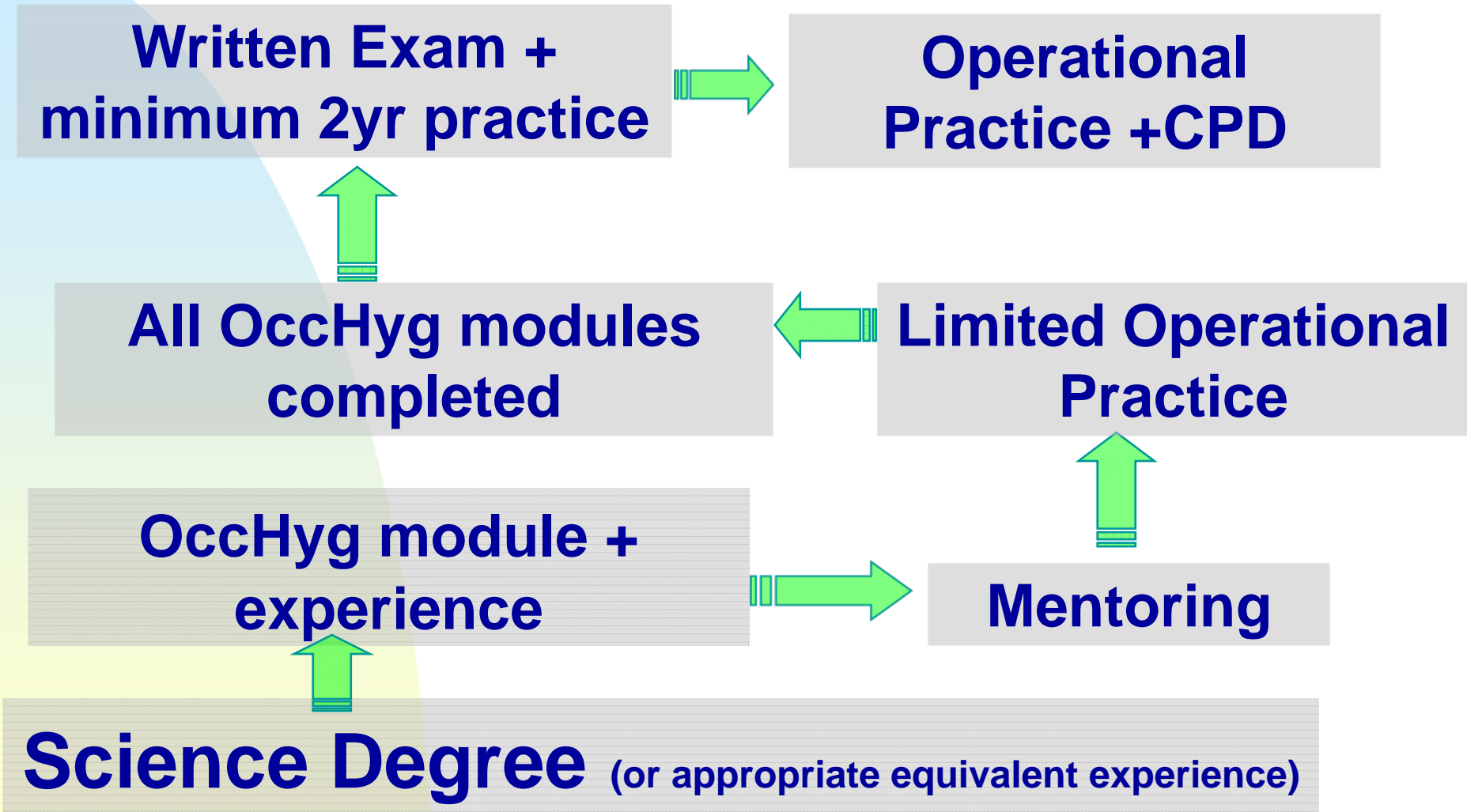
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Physiology
- Toxicology
- Microbiology
- Law
- Psychology
- Epidemiology
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Biochemistry

Hygiene Qualifications

Unit Subjects 2

- **Workplace Exposures**
- **Chemical Monitoring**
- **Thermal Environment**
- **Noise**
- **Asbestos**
- **Exposure Control**
- **Ergonomics**

ROUTE TO OPERATIONAL PRACTICE



ROUTE TO CERTIFICATED COMPREHENSIVE PRACTICE

CERTIFICATED Comprehensive Practice +CPD



Viva (Viva voce) by senior panel



Written Exam + minimum 4yr practice



Mentoring



Operational Practice +CPD

ROUTE AHEAD to 2015 FOR NZ GENERALLY

- **OHSIG to champion**
- **Get Government on board via WHSS**
- **Set comparable accreditation criteria**
- **Conduct 'gaps' analysis**
- **Fill / modify training gaps**
- **Overt support from Government**

ROUTE AHEAD to 2015 FOR NZOHS

- **Discussions with BOHS in Sept '08**
- **Review current criteria**
- **Conduct 'gaps' analysis**
- **Review alignment with Australian IOH**
- **Fill / modify training gaps (AIOH CIH FOH)**
- **Overt support from Government**

WHERE WE NEED TO BE 2015

