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Inquiry into the practice of sports science in Australia

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Professionals who may be involved in a 'sports science' department

Profession	Professional body	Accreditation of University or Tertiary Courses/ Overseas Practitioner assessment.	Registration
Sports physician (doctor)	Australian College of Sports Physicians	Yes, by Australian Medical Council. Undergrad/post grad medical course. Specialist training.	YES. APHRA. Both at graduate medical practitioner level and at specialist level – training conducted by College. Protection of title: "Specialist Sports Physician".
Physiotherapist	Australian Physiotherapy Association	Australian Physiotherapy Council	YES. APHRA. At graduate level.
Psychologist – Sport and Exercise	Australian Psychology Society (assesses overseas practitioners) Also runs 'colleges' including sport and exercise	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (Universities only)	YES. APHRA. At graduate practitioner level. Area of endorsement 'sports and exercise' – requires masters or PhD.
Sports Dietitian	Sports Dietitians Australia	Dietetics Association of Australia. Undergrad/post grad courses. No recognition of specialities.	NO. Must be a member of DAA to join Sports Dietitians Australia plus extra course completion required (run by SDA).
Chiropractor		Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia	YES. APHRA. Graduate level.
Sports Scientist	Exercise and Sports Science Australia. Full membership as 'sports scientist' requires undergrad degree in exercise/sport science plus 500 hours supervised practice.	NO. Although ESSA says will commence from 2014	NO.
Performance Analyst/Biomechanics	None in Australia. International Society for Performance Analysis in Sport (UK based).	NO. Although ESSA may cover relevant undergrad degrees from 2014	NO.

Strength and Conditioning Coach	Australian Strength and Conditioning Association (No membership qualifications apparent).	NO.	NO.
Coach (Senior Coach, assistant coach, senior assistant coach, development coach, development welfare coach etc.)	No specific professional body apparent in Australia aside from ASCA.	<p>NO.</p> <p>ASC provides an online education system (called 'accreditation') providing three tiers of education.</p> <p>Service Skills Australia (Training and Skills Council) provides a VET training package in Sport, Fitness and Recreation.</p>	NO.