**SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDANCE TOOL**

Scope of practice is defined as “the area or areas of your profession in which you have the knowledge, skills and experience to practice lawfully, safely and effectively, in a way that meets professional standards and does not pose any danger to the public or to yourself”.

Please ask yourself the following questions to assist with understanding the areas you are competent to practice in:

1. Is it reasonable for an orthotist/prosthetist to conduct the required activity?
2. Have I considered any relevant national standards and/or organisational guidelines?
3. Do I have authority from my employer and consent from the client/carer to undertake the required activity?
4. Do I have the education required to conduct this activity?
5. Can I demonstrate my knowledge, skill and competence through participation in a recognised credentialling program e.g certified AOPA practitioner?
6. Do I accept responsibility and accountability for my actions?
7. Document evidence to support the above

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**STOP**
Performance of activity or service may place you and client/carer at risk – Seek assistance from or refer to a more competent practitioner or acquire further education/training prior to proceeding

**STOP**
Until suitable quality assurance process is in place

**STOP**
Consider why Take appropriate action to rectify

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**Acknowledgement**