

## **FRAMEWORK FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING WITH AGENCIES**

This framework has been produced by the Association of Orthopaedic Practitioners (AOP), and the National Casting Training Advisor (NCTA).

It aims to provide guidelines within which agencies can work in partnership with the AOP and British Orthopaedic Association Casting Sub-Committee (BOACC).

This work follows a meeting requested by HCL Medical Technical in March 2010.

The framework combines the following elements:

- From this point forward, agencies agree to recruit only qualified Orthopaedic Practitioners who hold the British Casting Certificate for placing in roles where casting is required.
- Any personnel currently used by agencies who do not hold the BCC will be supported by the agency to achieve this qualification; these personnel will be identified to employing hospitals by using the title 'Assistant Orthopaedic Technician'; they will be paid and hospitals charged at a lower rate from qualified practitioners.
- The agency will confirm 'live' registration with the BOACC by contacting [recert@boa.ac.uk](mailto:recert@boa.ac.uk) for a small annual fee. The agency will ensure workers remain on this live register for the duration of their employment.
- The agency will promote registration with the BOACC, CPD and membership of a professional body (the AOP)
- The AOP will support agencies which fulfil all these requirements and extend a warm welcome to them at our annual conferences.