

### Authority

This standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 31 March 2010 pursuant to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law) with approval taking effect from 1 July 2010.

### Summary

This standard sets out how the Board will apply section 38(1)(c) of the National Law. All practising registrants must undertake 1000 hours of practice within the preceding five years in order to satisfy the Board's requirement for recency of practice.

This information must be declared when applying for initial registration or renewal of registration.

A practitioner who does not satisfy this requirement or who has had lengthy absences from practice will be required to demonstrate their current competency to the Board in order to maintain their registration as a chiropractor.

### Scope of application

This standard applies to all persons applying for initial registration or renewal of registration. It does not apply to students.

### Requirements

1. If a practitioner does not satisfy the hours requirement for recency of practice they will be required to satisfy the Board as to their current competency.
2. If a practitioner satisfies the hours requirement for recency of practice but has been absent from practice for between two and five years, then they will be required to satisfy the Board as to their current competency.
3. If a practitioner does not satisfy the hours requirement for recency of practice and has been absent from practice for more than five years then they will be required to undergo an approved formal competency assessment as determined by the Board.
4. In order for a practitioner to satisfy the Board as to their current competency, they may be required to successfully undertake one or more of the following:
  - a) an approved course of study or retraining program
  - b) an approved mentoring or supervised practice arrangement
  - c) an approved assessment or examination
  - d) approved CPD activities.
5. To inform its assessment decision for those who have not practised for between two and five years, the following matters will be considered by the Board:

- a) the practitioner's registration and practice history
  - b) the period of absence from practice
  - c) the date of primary qualification
  - d) activities related to the practice of chiropractic undertaken in the previous five years
  - e) CPD history
  - f) any additional qualifications or study obtained during the period of absence.
6. Practitioners who have completed their qualification within two years prior to applying for registration are exempt from this requirement.
  7. Practitioners who have undergone and passed an approved formal competency assessment as determined by the Board within the previous two years are exempt from this requirement.
  8. This requirement will commence on 1 July 2010 and will require a declaration upon renewal for the registration period commencing 1 December 2011.
  9. The Board may conduct periodic audits to determine compliance with this requirement.

### Definitions

**Practice** means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which the individual uses their skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in their profession. For the purposes of this registration standard, practice is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes working in a direct nonclinical relationship with clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles, and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of services in the profession and/or use their professional skills.

**Recency of practice** means that a practitioner has maintained recent practice in the profession since qualifying or obtaining registration.

### Review

This standard will commence on 1 July 2010. The Board will review this standard at least every three years