

Registration standard

Limited registration for teaching or research

Authority

This standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 10 August 2012 pursuant to the section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (the National Law) as in force in each state and territory with approval taking effect from 10 August 2012

Summary of the registration standard

The Board has developed this registration standard to set out the initial and ongoing requirements that a registrant must meet to be granted and/or to renew limited registration to fill a teaching or research position at a higher education institution or research entity, under section 69 of the National Law.

Application of the registration standard

This type of limited registration is for internationally-qualified chiropractors who are not qualified for general registration in Australia because they do not hold a qualification in a program of study approved by the Board, but have a chiropractic qualification that is relevant to, and suitable for, the teaching or research position to which their application relates and who meet the other requirements of the Board.

This registration standard does not apply to Australian chiropractors who have a qualification in a program of study approved by the Board, chiropractors from New Zealand who qualify for general registration in Australia via trans-Tasman mutual recognition, or those overseas-trained chiropractors who have passed an assessment of the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) under section 53(c) of the National Law.

This type of registration is suitable for overseas-qualified chiropractors who intend to fill a teaching or research position and use the title 'chiropractor'.

General requirements

All chiropractors granted limited registration for teaching or research must comply with the requirements set out in this registration standard, including:

- complying with the supervision requirements
- authorising and facilitating the provision of regular reports from their supervisor/s to the Board regarding their safety and competence for registration
- performing satisfactorily in the teaching or research position
- not engaging in clinical practice and

- not engaging in teaching of clinical skills or in supervision of students in relation to clinical skills or in a clinical setting.

These requirements are established under this registration standard to ensure safe and competent practice for the period of limited registration.

The Board may vary these requirements in exceptional circumstance on a case by case basis.

National Law requirements

The requirements of the Board to register a person under section 69 *Limited registration for teaching or research* are:

1. Compliance with the requirements of section 65 of the National Law on eligibility for limited registration
2. Chiropractic qualifications determined by the Board to be relevant and suitable for the teaching or research employment position
3. Evidence of compliance with the Board's registration standard on English language skills
4. Evidence of work practice history that meets the Board's registration standard on recency of practice
5. Details of registration history, including certificates of good standing/registration status from each registration authority with which the applicant has been registered in the previous five years (supplied, where possible, directly to the Board from the relevant registration authority)
6. Written confirmation and detail of:
 - a. the employer/sponsoring organisation, including contact details
 - b. the position description
 - c. the name, qualifications and contact details of the proposed supervisor and
 - d. the details of a supervision plan
7. Written confirmation from the proposed supervisor that he or she agrees to provide supervision and to comply with the Board's requirements for supervision, including implementing the supervision plan approved by the Board
8. Satisfactory completion of a criminal record check that meets the Board's registration standard on criminal history
9. Confirmation that the applicant will meet the requirements of the Board's registration standard on professional indemnity insurance

10. Any other information the Board requires under section 70 of the National Law to determine whether the practitioner is a suitable person to hold limited registration, and
11. A declaration that the individual is not disqualified under the National Law or a law of a co-regulatory jurisdiction from applying for this type of registration.

Compliance requirements

An applicant for limited registration for teaching or research must:

- agree to work only in the position under supervision and to provide a detailed supervision plan before the commencement of employment
- with the supervisor's written agreement, to provide a report at least every six months to the Board (or as otherwise determined by the Board)
- comply with the supervision plan approved by the Board
- comply with the Board's registration standard on continuing professional development on a pro rata basis (if total registration period exceeds four weeks)
- ensure that supervisors provide regular reports about the registrant's safety and competence to practise
- perform satisfactorily in the position or activities specified in his or her application, and
- restrict his or her practice to the position or activities specified in the application.

If a practitioner with limited registration in teaching or research does not maintain employment in the teaching or research position, he or she is unable to comply with the requirements on registration and can no longer practise chiropractic.

A chiropractor registered under this type of limited registration is **not** able to undertake clinical practice. Those candidates wishing to engage in clinical practice should apply for general registration.

Relevant and suitable qualification

The applicant must have evidence of being awarded a chiropractic qualification as recognised and listed by the Councils on Chiropractic Education International and/or as determined to be relevant and suitable by the Board in the circumstances. To assist its consideration, the Board may require a desktop assessment by the Board's accreditation authority, the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia.

The Board reserves the right to review and make determinations on individual applications under its powers in the National Law. The Board must be satisfied that the applicant's qualifications are suitable for the teaching or research employment position and that public safety is ensured.

Supervision and supervision plan

The supervisor must agree to provide written reports at least every six months to the Board (or as otherwise determined by the Board in the approved supervision plan) as a part of the initial application for limited registration. The supervisor must provide these reports on the chiropractor's competence to ensure that the chiropractor can continue to be registered with limited registration. The reports must be sent to the Board as required by the Board-approved supervision plan as approved at the time of granting limited registration. If the supervisor does not provide reports as required by the supervision plan, the Board may withdraw the limited registration.

Renewal of limited registration

Renewal of limited registration for teaching and research will be subject to the practitioner meeting the following requirements:

- a. completion of an annual renewal form and annual statement as required by the National Law
- b. demonstrated compliance with any conditions or requirements on registration
- c. satisfactory performance in the relevant position
- d. any additional investigation, information, examination or assessment required by the Board in accordance with section 80 of the National Law and
- e. for registration of more than four weeks, compliance with the Board's registration standard on continuing professional development on a pro rata basis, calculated on the period of registration.

Limited registration is granted for a period no more than 12 months and may be renewed three times only, as set out by section 72 of the National Law. If limited registration has been renewed three times, a chiropractor seeking limited registration may submit a new application for limited registration which will need to meet the requirements set by the Board at that time.

Refusal to renew

In addition to the provisions of the National Law, the Board may refuse to renew a chiropractor's registration if:

- the chiropractor's employment related to limited registration ceases or is terminated, or
- the chiropractor fails to comply with supervision requirements, or
- reports every six months have not been provided to the Board, or
- the chiropractor cannot demonstrate compliance with any conditions or requirements on the limited registration, or
- there is demonstrated unsatisfactory performance in the teaching or research position based on the supervision reports or other information received by the Board, or
- the chiropractor has not met any other requirements of the Board.

The Board may also refuse renewal for any of the reasons specified in section 112 of the National Law.

Application

- Applicants seeking registration under section 69 of the National Law must make a written application to the Board using the limited registration for teaching or research as a chiropractor application form available at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au under *Forms*, together with supporting documents.
- It is recommended that applicants submit their application with supporting documentation, at least two months before commencement of the employment position, to ensure time for the application to be assessed.
- Applicants may request that the registration pre-dates their commencement of employment by up to one month.
- The Board requires details of the employment position, including details signed by the applicant, supervisor and the employer outlining:
 - who will supervise the applicant in his or her work
 - the supervision plan
 - where the applicant will be employed and a detailed job description, including the scope of practice of the teaching or research role and
 - the period of employment.
- The Board may request any additional details necessary to consider the application for registration.

Applications for variation in changed circumstances

If a chiropractor registered with limited registration for teaching or research has a significant change in circumstances, such as a change in the teaching or research role, the chiropractor must submit a new application for limited registration. However, chiropractors can apply to the Board for a variation if there is a minor change to their circumstances, such as a change in supervisor.

When making an application for a variation, the Board requires details of the change of circumstances from the sponsoring employer and confirmation from the chiropractor and the supervisor that each agrees to the change in circumstances. Supporting documentation of the change must be submitted. If the Board considers that the variation is significant, it will require the chiropractor to submit a new application.

Notations on the register

Chiropractors granted limited registration for teaching and research should note that the registration is granted for a particular purpose and for a limited time. The terms of the limited

registration will be noted on the national register of chiropractors and any practice outside those terms is **not permitted**.

Definitions

Clinical practice means performing the duties expected of a chiropractor for a patient in a clinical setting

Employer includes employer, sponsoring body, organisation, institution or an individual

Supervisor means a person, approved by the Board to oversee a registrant under this registration standard, who ensures the compliance of the registrant with all terms and conditions placed upon that registration, including the published codes and guidelines of the Board; the supervisor **will** also be required to ensure the registrant's compliance with an approved supervision plan, including reporting requirements.

Private practice means the context of providing chiropractic services to the public on an independent and self-supporting basis

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which the individual uses his or her skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in the 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

Supervision plan means a plan that sets out the arrangements or proposed arrangements for supervision of a chiropractor, which is a prerequisite for limited registration for teaching or research.

Review

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