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HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY		
TITLE: Entitlement to Registration Policy		
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BOARD: Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board of the Northern Territory		

Purpose

This policy has been developed to provide clear direction to staff of the Health Professions Licensing Authority, members of the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Board of the Northern Territory and intending registrants regarding the entitlement to register as a Chiropractor or an Osteopath in the Northern Territory.

Supporting policies

This policy should be considered in conjunction with the Health Professions Licensing Authority Registration Policy and the Board's list of accredited courses, (Attachment A).

Who is entitled to register as a Chiropractor in the Northern Territory?

The Board will grant registration to Chiropractors who are able to provide evidence with their application as follows:

Section 22(a) Are eligible to apply

Chiropractors educated in Australia

1. Certified copy of qualification from an Australian University or other educational institution that is accredited by an Australian Chiropractic Board or the Council of Chiropractic Education;
2. 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy);
3. Certified copy of registration certificate (if applicable);
4. Certified copy of current practising certificate (if applicable);
5. A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
6. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

Chiropractors educated overseas

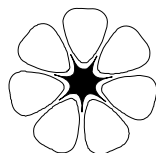
1. Certificate issued by the Council of Chiropractic Education of Australia stating that they have successfully completed a competency examination administered by the Council;
2. 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy)
3. Certified copy of registration certificate;
4. Certified copy of current practising certificate (if applicable);
5. A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
6. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

Who is entitled to register as a Osteopath in the Northern Territory?

The Board will grant registration to Osteopaths who are able to provide evidence with their application as follows:

Osteopaths educated in Australia

1. Certified copy of an Australian Osteopathy qualification which is accredited by an Australian Osteopathy Registration Board;



- 2 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy);
- 3 Certified copy of registration certificate (if applicable);
- 4 Certified copy of current practising certificate (if applicable);
- 5 A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
- 6 Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

Osteopaths educated overseas

- 1 Certified copy of an Osteopathy qualification which has been recognised by an Australian Osteopathy Registration Board as the equivalent of an Australian Osteopathy qualification;
- 2 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy); Certified copy of registration certificate (if applicable);
- 3 Certified copy of current practising certificate (if applicable);
- 4 A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
- 5 Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

Section 22(b) and Section 22(c) Have sufficient competence and capacity to practise

All applicants

1. Provide written evidence that they have practised as a Chiropractor or Osteopath within the preceding 5 years, (not applicable to New Graduates.);
2. Declare that they do not suffer any physical or mental illness that would prevent them from practising competently;
3. Provide a written reference from their employer dated within the previous 6 months or if in private practise, a written reference from a peer, dated within the previous 6 months, (not applicable to New Graduates.)

New Graduates

Provide a letter from a lecturer attesting to their competence to practise.

Section 22(d) Have an adequate command of the English language

Chiropractors and Osteopaths educated in Australia

The Board has discretionary power to require an applicant to provide proof of English language competence at any time.

Chiropractor and Osteopaths educated overseas where English is not the first language

Receipt of an original test result achieved within the last two years from an IELTS test centre with an overall score of 7 with no less than 6.5 in all areas or an OET with a B pass.

The Board may elect to waive the IELTS test or the OET if the applicant can provide evidence of adequate proficiency in English.

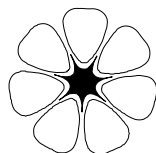
Section 22(e) Have adequate professional indemnity arrangements in place

Applicants to make a declaration on their application form that if they intend to practise in the Northern Territory they will ensure that they have adequate professional indemnity arrangements in place.

Section 22(e) Are of good character

All applicants

- Declare that they have not had their name suspended or removed from a register or been refused registration for any reason relating to their professional conduct;
- Declare that they have never been prohibited from or had any special condition imposed on their practise as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings;
- Declare that they have not been charged or convicted of any offence;



- Declare that they do not know of any outstanding matter relating to their registration in any state/territory/country;
- Declare that they do not know of any outstanding matter relating to their registration in any state/territory/country;
- Provide a written character reference dated within the last 6 months; and
- A certificate of good standing from a Chiropractic or Osteopathy Registration Board that they currently hold registration with or most recently held registration with.

New graduates

In addition to the requirements above, are also required to provide a letter from a lecturer at the University where they completed their course attesting to their good character.

Identification Validation Standard

The applicant must provide 100 points of identification with their application for registration as either a chiropractor or osteopath in the Northern Territory. All documents must be an original or certified as a true copy of the original by a Board approved certifier.

There are no exemptions to this standard. Applicants must provide at least one document that includes a photograph.

Category A document (70 points)

- Copy of current registration with an Australian Occupational Therapists Board

Category B document (70 points) Must provide only one from this category

- Front page of a current Australian passport; or
- Front page of any other passport with copy of current visa; or
- Birth Certificate/Birth Card (extract acceptable); or
- Citizenship certificate

Category C documents (40 points)

- License or permit issued under a law of Australia
- Identification card issued to a public service employee
- Identification card issued by a government department as evidence of a person's entitlement to a financial benefit
- Student card issued by an Australian tertiary education institution
- International English Language Testing System Test Report Form (IELTS-TRF) (with photograph only)

Category D documents (25 points)

- International Drivers Licence
- Medicare card
- Public utilities account (electricity bill, telephone bill)
- Rates notice.
- Credit card (maximum of two only), cash card or passbook issued by a financial institution
- Certificate of Good Standing/Verification of Registration Status. The document must be from the immediate previous regulatory authority. The document must be received directly from that regulatory authority, not from the applicant.
- Evidence of current dental registration with an overseas occupational therapists regulatory authority