



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY		
TITLE: Entitlement to Registration Policy		
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BOARD: Psychologists 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 Psychologists Board of the Northern Territory and intending registrants regarding the entitlement to register as a Psychologist in the Northern Territory.

Supporting policies

This policy should be considered in conjunction with the Health Professions Licensing Authority Registration Policy and the Psychologists Board of the Northern Territory Policy on Accredited Courses.

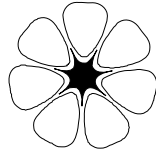
Who is entitled to register as a Psychologist in the Northern Territory?

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

Section 22(a) Are eligible to apply

Psychologists educated in Australia

1. Certified copy of any of the following qualifications from an Australian University or other accredited educational institution:
 - a. Masters Degree in psychology from an approved Australian university and not less than 100 hours of supervised practice in the practise of psychology over a minimum of one year; or
 - b. PhD in psychology from an approved Australian university and not less than 100 hours of supervised practice in the practise of psychology over a minimum of one year; or
 - c. Incomplete Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited Doctorate in Psychology degree which demonstrates the following:
 - I. Completed and passed all coursework elements;
 - II. Completed and passed all practicum elements; and
 - III. Completed the final draft of the thesis and can provide evidence that this has been formally submitted to the university. (refer procedures attached); or
 - d. 4 year degree qualification in psychology from an approved Australian university and not less than 100 hours of supervised practice in the practice of psychology over a minimum of two years; or
 - e. 5 year degree qualification in psychology from an approved Australian university and not less than 50 hours of supervised practice in the practise of psychology over a minimum of one year; or
 - f. Qualification and practice in psychology that is, in the opinion of the Board, substantially equivalent to the qualifications referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).
2. 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy);
3. A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
4. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).



Psychologists educated in Australia without adequate experience in the practice of psychology

1. A certified copy of any of the following qualifications:
 - a. Masters Degree in psychology from an approved Australian university; or
 - b. PhD in psychology from an approved Australian university; or
 - c. 4 year degree qualification in psychology from an approved Australian university; or
 - d. 5 year degree qualification in psychology from an approved Australian university; or
 - e. Qualification that is, in the opinion of the Board, substantially equivalent to the qualifications referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).
2. 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy);
3. A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back;
4. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable);
5. Supervision Contract(s), Supervision Plan, Application for Approval of Supervisor(s), Job Description: and
6. Evidence of work (employment or voluntary) in the practice of psychology.

Psychologists educated overseas

1. Evidence that the applicant's qualification has been assessed by the Australian Psychological Society as suitable for practice in Australia;
2. 100 points of identification (refer Identification Validation Standard on this policy);
3. A recent passport size photo with the applicant's signature on the back; and
4. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

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

1. Declare that they have practised as a Psychologist in the preceding 5 years;
2. Declare that they do not suffer any physical or mental illness that would prevent them from practising competently; and
3. Provide a written reference from their current employer or most recent employer (if not currently practising) dated within the previous 6 months (not applicable New Graduates);

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

Psychologists educated in Australia

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

Psychologists educated overseas

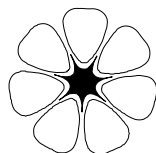
Evidence that the applicant has completed the International English Language Testing System at an overall score of 7 with no less than 6.5 in each band, or other evidence that would satisfy the Board that the applicant has proficient English language skills.

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(f) Are of good character

- 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 if they know of any outstanding matters relating to their registration in any State/Territory/Country
- Declare that they have not been charged or convicted of any offence;
- Provide a written character reference dated within the last 6 months; and
- Provide a certificate of good standing from a Psychologists Registration Board that they currently hold registration with or most recently held registration with. (Not applicable to New Graduates)

Procedure for incomplete APAC accredited D. Psych applicants

- a) Evidence that the Final Draft of Thesis has been submitted this must include a statutory declaration signed by the thesis supervisor and the applicant.
- b) Evidence that the Final Draft of Thesis has been submitted and all Coursework and Practicum Components have been Completed and Passed. This must include a statutory declaration signed by the Course Coordinator, Head of School and the applicant.

Identification Validation Standard

The applicant must provide 100 points of identification with their application for registration as a psychologist 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 Psychologists 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 psychologist registration with an overseas psychologists regulatory authority.