

HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY	
TITLE: Information on Register Available to Public - Policy	
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The Health Professions Licensing Authority	

Purpose of Policy

To inform staff of the Health Professions Licensing Authority of what information which is kept on the Register is able to be provided to the public.

Supporting documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with the *Health Practitioners Act 2004* (the Act) and the Access to Information Policy.

Policy

Section 43 of the Act states that the Board must record the following information in the Register in relation to each person who is registered* by it:

- (a) the person's full name, personal address, business address;
- (b) the person's qualifications;
- (c) the date of the person's registration;
- (d) any conditions the person's registration is subject to under section 27 (registration provision), and
- (e) any authorisation that the person holds.

The Act allows for a person to inspect or obtain a copy or extract of the Register at no cost.

Restricted Information

The Act also is explicit that the person's private address and details of any health related conditions are not to be made available to the public.

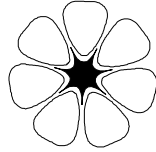
How to apply for access to information contained on the Register.

Requests for information about individual registrants will be accepted via the following methods:

- (a) verbal request via the telephone or in person, and
- (b) written requests received via the mail, email or facsimile.

Requests for information about a group of registrants will be accepted as per the Access to Information Policy.

* Registered for the purposes of this policy is taken to mean any practitioner who is registered, enrolled or authorised to practise in a restricted practise area.



What information can be released

The following information can be provided to the public:

- (a) the person's full name and business address;
- (b) the person's qualifications;
- (c) the date of the person's registration;
- (d) only those conditions which **do not** relate to the person's health status,
and
- (e) any authorisation that the person holds.

Examples of Information regarding conditional registration that is appropriate to be released

Dr A has conditional registration as an Area of Need doctor which include: that Dr X must work at Alice Springs Hospital in the area of surgery only . Dr X is required to work under supervision, to provide evidence to the Board that he is making progress towards completing the AMC examinations and to provide supervisors reports to the Board.

Nurse B has conditional registration to work in the mental deficiency area only.

Physio C has conditional registration to work for a 3 month period at the Royal Darwin Hospital under supervision. Physio Z is required to provide a supervisor's report to the Board at the completion of the 3 month period.

Psychologist D has conditional registration in order to complete the Boards required supervision policy for those who do not meet registration requirements.