



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY

TITLE: Entitlement to Registration Policy

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BOARD: Physiotherapists 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 Physiotherapists Board of the Northern Territory and intending registrants regarding the entitlement to register as a physiotherapist in the Northern Territory.

Supporting Documentation

This policy should be considered in conjunction with the *Health Practitioners Act 2004* (the Act) and Health Professions Licensing Authority's *Flow Chart for Registrations*.

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

The Board will grant registration to physiotherapists who are able to provide evidence with their application as follows referring to the Act:

Section 22(a) Are eligible to apply

Physiotherapists educated in Australia

1. Certified copy of qualification from an Australian university;
2. Meet the Board's identification standards requirements; and
3. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

Physiotherapists educated overseas

1. Certificate issued by the Australian Examining Committee for Overseas Physiotherapists (AECOP) attesting that the applicant has completed the AECOP assessment process;
2. Meet the Board's identification standards requirements; and
3. Certified copy of proof of name change (if applicable).

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

Applicant to:

1. Declare that they have practised within the preceding 5 years as a physiotherapist;
2. Declare that they are a competent practitioner as self-assessed against the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities Competency Standards for Physiotherapists;
3. Declare that they are participating in continuing professional development activities;
4. Declare that they do not suffer any physical or mental illness that would prevent them from practising competently; and
5. Provide a written reference from their employer dated within the previous 6 months.

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

Physiotherapists educated in Australia

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

Physiotherapists educated overseas

Evidence that the applicant has achieved the AECOP English language requirement.

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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

All applicants to:

- 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;
- Provide a written character reference dated within the last 6 months; and
- Provide a certificate of good standing from a Physiotherapy Registration Board that they currently hold registration with or most recently held registration with.

New Graduates

New graduates are also required to provide a letter from their University attesting to their good character.

Identification standards requirement

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

All applicants **must** provide at least one document that includes a photograph. No exemptions to the Identification Validation requirements will be accepted.

Category A document (70 points)

- Copy of current registration with an Australian Physiotherapy 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 physiotherapy registration with an overseas physiotherapy regulatory authority

**All forms and any other updated information can be found on the Physiotherapists Board of the Northern Territory's website www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards