

Instrument of Delegation

Delegation of National Board functions under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each State and Territory to Committees of the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Preliminary

- 1.1 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (the '**Board**'), pursuant to s 37 of the National Law, resolved to delegate its functions as specified in this instrument of delegation ('**instrument**') with effect on and from 1 March 2018, or such date as a proclamation is made for commencement of amendments to sections 56, 125, 126, 127A, 151, 156, 181(1A), 191, 191A, 191B and 220 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017* (Qld) ('**Commencement Date**').
- 1.2 This instrument is a complete record of the Board's resolution with respect to the delegation of its functions. The Board resolved to revoke all prior delegations with effect on the Commencement Date.
- 1.3 The Board resolved to authorise the Chair of the Board to sign this instrument as evidence of the Board's decision to delegate its functions in compliance with Clause 29(3) to Schedule 7 of the National Law.

Definitions

- 2.1 **National Law** means:
 - 2.1.1 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland) in Queensland
 - 2.1.2 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT) in the Australian Capital Territory
 - 2.1.3 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Victoria) in Victoria
 - 2.1.4 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) in South Australia

- 2.1.5 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NT) in the Northern Territory
- 2.1.6 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania) in Tasmania
- 2.1.7 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW) in New South Wales
- 2.1.8 the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia) in Western Australia.
- 2.2 **ACT** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (ACT)*
- 2.3 **NSW Act** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW)*
- 2.4 **Qld Act** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (Qld)*
- 2.5 **SA Act** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia)*
- 2.6 **WA Act** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia) Act 2010*
- 2.7 **Tas Act** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania) Act 2010*
- 2.8 To avoid doubt, any section cited in this instrument refers to the section in the National Law in force in each jurisdiction unless:
 - 2.8.1 the section is contained within Part 8 of the NSW Act; or
 - 2.8.2 it is otherwise indicated by this instrument that the National Law specific to a particular participating jurisdiction applies.
- 2.9 **AHPRA** means the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, established by section 23 of the National Law.
- 2.10 **National Board (Board)** means the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia, established by the section 31 of the National Law.
- 2.11 **Participating jurisdiction** has the same meaning as in section 5 of the National Law.
- 2.12 **Registration and Notification Committee** means the committee established by the Board pursuant to Clause 11 of Schedule 4 to the National Law constituted according to its terms of reference.
- 2.13 **Immediate Action Committee** means the committee established by the Board pursuant to Clause 11 of Schedule 4 to the National Law constituted according to its terms of reference
- 2.14 **Appellable decision** has the same meaning as in section 199 of the National Law meaning:

- 2.14.1 a decision to refuse to register the person;
- 2.14.2 a decision to refuse to endorse the person's registration;
- 2.14.3 a decision to refuse to renew the person's registration;
- 2.14.4 a decision to refuse to renew the endorsement of the person's registration;
- 2.14.5 a decision to impose or change a condition on a person's registration or the endorsement of the person's registration, other than –
 - (i) a condition relating to the person's qualification for general registration in the health profession; and
 - (ii) a condition imposed by section 112(3)(a);
- 2.14.6 a decision to refuse to change or remove a condition imposed on the person's registration or the endorsement of the person's registration;
- 2.14.7 a decision to refuse to change or revoke an undertaking given by the person to the Board;
- 2.14.8 a decision to suspend the person's registration.

2.15 **Relevant Event** means any health, performance or conduct notification action taken against the registrant in relation to an adverse disclosure on renewal of registration, new information returned on a criminal history check, a confirmed breach of restrictions, or where the practitioner has been the subject of action under Part 8 of the National Law or its equivalent in a co-regulatory jurisdiction. This includes receipt of any new notification irrespective of whether action was taken.

2.16 **Western Australia Matter** means a matter to which the National Law applies that relates to the health, conduct or performance of a registered health practitioner, student or an application for registration by an applicant:

- 2.16.1 whose principal place of practice (or for an applicant his or her proposed principal place of practice) is in Western Australia; or
- 2.16.2 whose principal place of practice is in another state or territory, but who provides health services in Western Australia.

Western Australia Matter is deemed to include a matter that the relevant decision maker under the National Law, acting in good faith, regards as a Western Australia Matter, but which after further inquiry the relevant decision maker discovers does not relate to Western Australia.

Note: to avoid doubt, in this definition the words:

- (i) 'health, conduct or performance'; and
- (ii) 'registered health practitioner', 'student' and applicant for registration,

have the same meaning, and incorporate the same concepts, as those words as used in Part 8 of the National Law (WA).

Note: where the * symbol appears next to a power or function specified in Schedule 1, the delegation of that power will not apply to Western Australia Matters.

Delegation of Board functions

3.1 Principles of delegation:

3.1.1 The purpose of this instrument is to allow the Board to discharge its functions as set out in s 35 of the National Law.

3.1.2 To the extent that the Board's functions are capable of being delegated, the Board delegates its functions to AHPRA and the committees of the Board as set out below.

3.1.3 A delegate may in the performance of a delegated function do anything that is incidental to the delegated function.

3.1.4 A delegation does not derogate from the power of the Board to act itself in the matter, so long as the delegate has not yet exercised the function or power.

3.1.5 A delegate may only exercise a function, or make a decision, subject to the limitations imposed on the delegated function. If the decision to be made is not within the limitation which applies to the delegated function, or the delegate is not sure what the decision should be, the delegate must not make the decision. The delegate may, however, make recommendations to the National Board or another delegate.

3.2 Powers and functions that have not been delegated by the Board are in Column C to the Schedule.

3.3 The Board delegates to the Registration and Notification Committee the following functions of the Board:

3.3.1 The functions listed in Column D to the Schedule, subject to the limitations (if any) in Column G to the Schedule.

3.3.2 All functions delegated to AHPRA.

3.4 The Board delegates to the Immediate Action Committee the following functions of the Board:

3.4.1 The functions listed in Column E to the Schedule, subject to the limitations (if any) in Column G.

3.5 The Board delegates to AHPRA the following functions of the Board:

3.5.1 The provision of notice(s), whether or not expressly provided for in this instrument and whether from the Board or a committee of the Board, to any entity or person; and,

- 3.5.2 The publishing of information on the website, whether or not expressly provided for in this instrument
- 3.5.3 The functions listed in Column F to the Schedule, subject to the limitations (if any) in Column G to the Schedule.
- 3.5.4 AHPRA may not exercise any function that is an appellable decision unless specified otherwise

Signature

As signed

Renee Owen

Presiding Member, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Date: 21 February 2018

Schedule

Accreditation functions

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Part and Division	Description of Division	Not delegated by National Board	Registration and Notification Committee	Immediate Action Committee	AHPRA	Limitations on delegation
Part 6 Accreditation						
Div 3	Accreditation functions	47(1) 47(2) 47(6) 49(1) 49(2) 51(2)				

Registration functions

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Part and Division	Description of Division	Not delegated by National Board	Registration and Notification Committee	Immediate Action Committee	AHPRA	Limitations on delegation
Part 7 Registration						
Div 1	General registration	56(1)* 56 (WA Matter only)	54		56(2)(a)(ii)*	
Div 2	Specialist registration	61	59			
Div 3	Provisional registration	64				
Div 4	Limited registration	72				
Div 5	Non-practising registration	76				

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Part and Division	Description of Division	Not delegated by National Board	Registration and Notification Committee	Immediate Action Committee	AHPRA	Limitations on delegation
Div 6	Application for registration		80(1)(a)(i) 80(1)(a)(ii) 80(1)(b) 80(1)(c) 80(1)(d) 80(1)(e) 80(2) 81(1) 82(1)(a) 82(1)(b) 82(1)(c) 83		77(2) 78(1) 79 80(1)(a)(i) 80(1)(a)(ii) 80(1)(b) 80(2) 81(1) 82(1)(a) 82(1)(c) 83 84 85	<p>AHPRA to seek the approval of the Chair of the Board (or a nominee of the Chair) when approving a form.</p> <p>AHPRA may only register an applicant if the applicant is: eligible, qualified, suitable and meets all requirements for registration in the applicable registration standards.</p> <p>Eligible means the applicant meets all the requirements in s 52 or 57 or 62 or 65 or 73.</p> <p>Qualified means the applicant meets the requirements in s 53(a), (c), (d) or has a qualification recognised by the Board as being equivalent to an approved qualification for the purpose of s 53(b), or a qualification recognised by the Board for the purposes of s 303(1)(a) or (b).</p> <p>Suitable means the applicant is not an unsuitable person within the meaning of s 55 or 60 or 63 or 70 or 74.</p> <p>AHPRA may only impose a condition on registration in the following circumstances:</p>

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the applicant has been given notice of a proposal to impose the condition on registration under s.81; and • the applicant has not made any submissions in response to that notice in the time required, or has indicated that he or she agrees with the proposed imposition of the condition. <p>AHPRA may not grant limited registration.</p> <p>AHPRA is delegated the power to refuse an application for registration only in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the applicant has been given notice of a proposal to refuse registration under s.81; and • the applicant has not made any submissions in response to that notice, or has indicated that he or she agrees with the proposed refusal decision.

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Div 7/1	Student registration	87 88(4)			88(1) 89(1)(a) 89(1)(b) 89(4)	An application must be in the form approved by the National Board
Div 7/2	Other persons				91(4)	An application must be in the form approved by the National Board
Div 7/3	General provisions re students				92(2)	An application must be in the form approved by the National Board
Div 8/1	Endorsement of registration – scheduled medicines	94				
Div 8/2	Endorsement for nurse practitioner	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Div 8/3	Endorsement for midwifery	N/A	N/A		N/A	
Div 8/4	Endorsement for acupuncture					
Div 8/5	Endorsement for area of practice		98(1)(a)(ii)			
Div 8/6	Application for endorsement		100(1) 101 102 103		99(2) 100(1)(a) 100(1)(b) 100(1)(c) 102(1)	<p>AHPRA to seek the approval of the Chair of the Board (or a nominee of the Chair) when approving a form.</p> <p>AHPRA is delegated the power to refuse an application for endorsement only in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the applicant has been given notice of a

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						<p>proposal to refuse endorsement under s.101; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the applicant has not made any submissions in response to that notice, or has indicated that he or she agrees with the proposed refusal decision.
Div 9	Renewal of registration		110 (functions corresponding to 80(1)(a)(i) 80(1)(a)(ii) 80(1)(b) 80(1)(c) 80(1)(d) 80(1)(e) 80(2) 111(1) 112		107(4)(a) 110 (functions corresponding to 80(1)(a)(i) 80(1)(a)(ii) 80(1)(b) 80(1)(c) 80(2) 112(1) 112(3)	<p>AHPRA to seek the approval of the Chair of the Board (or a nominee of the Chair) when approving a form.</p> <p>AHPRA may only renew a practitioner's registration if s 111 does not apply, but this does not prevent AHPRA from imposing a condition on registration as set out below.</p> <p>AHPRA is delegated the power to refuse an application for renewal of registration only in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the applicant has been given notice of a proposal to refuse renewal under s.111; and the applicant has not made any submissions in

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						<p>response to that notice, or has indicated that he or she agrees with the proposed refusal decision.</p> <p>AHPRA may only impose a new condition on registration under s.112(3) if the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been given notice of the proposal to impose the condition under s.111; and • has not made any submissions in response to that notice in the time provided, or has indicated that he or she agrees with the proposed imposition of the condition.
Div 10	Title and practice protections					
Div 11/1	Certificate of registration				124	
Div 11/2	Review of conditions and undertakings		125(4) 125(5) 126(1) 126(5) 127 125(6)* 126(6)*		125(3) 125(4) 125(5) 125(6) (WA Matter only) 125(6A)* 126(2) 126(6) (WA Matter only)	<p>AHPRA to seek the approval of the Chair of the Board (or a nominee of the Chair) when approving a form.</p> <p>Delegation of s. 125(4) and (5) to AHPRA limited to matters where conditions were imposed</p>

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					126(6A)* 127 127A(2)*	<p>in response to a breach of s. 133 (Advertising offences).</p> <p>AHPRA can only grant applications under s. 125(5) where the practitioner has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complied with conditions on their registration regarding the breach of s. 133 (re advertising); and • provided material to AHPRA to demonstrate that they clearly understand the advertising requirements in the National Law. <p>If advertising is assessed as continuing to be non-compliant, a decision to refuse to remove the conditions remains with the Registration and Notification Committee, and is not delegated to AHPRA.</p> <p>AHPRA may only remove conditions once they have been complied with.</p> <p>s 125(7) sets out the contents of a notice to refuse to grant an application.</p>
Div 11/3	Obligations of registered health		129(2)		129(2) 132(1)	

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	practitioners and students					
Div 11/5	Boards powers to check identity and criminal history				134 135(1)	
Div 116	General				137	

Notification functions

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Part and Division	Description	Not delegated by National Board	Registration and Notification Committee	Immediate Action Committee	AHPRA	Limitations on delegation
Part 8 Notifications						
Div 1	Persons formerly registered under this Law					
Div 2	Mandatory Notifications					
Div3	Voluntary notifications					
Div4	Making a Notification					
Div 5	Preliminary assessment		149(1)(a), (b) and (c), (excl Qld Act) 149(3) (excl Qld Act) 150(excl Qld Act) 151 152(excl Qld Act) 150(1)(a) and (b) (Qld Act) 150(3) (Qld Act)	149(1)(a), (b) and (c) (excl Qld Act) 150(1)(a) and (b) (Qld Act)	149(1)(a),(b),(c) (excl Qld Act) 149(3) (excl Qld Act) 150 (excl Qld Act) 151(1)(e) (excl Qld Act) 152 (excl Qld Act) 150(1)(a) and (b) (Qld Act)	AHPRA may not decide that a notification/referred matter does not relate to a ground for a notification Delegation of s. 151(1)(e) to AHPRA limited to situations where the Board's delegate and the health complaints entity ('HCE') have agreed that the HCE will deal with the subject

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					150(3) (Qld Act)	matter of the notification, under s. 150(3).
Div 6	Other matters		153 154(2)	153 154(2)		
Div 7	Immediate action		156 157(3) 158(1)(b) 159(2)(b) & (c)	156 157(3) 158(1)(b) 159(2)(b) & (c)	157(1) 158(1)(a)	AHPRA may only give written notice.
Div 8	Investigations		160 161(4)	160 161(4)	160(1) 160(2) 161(1),(2),(3) & (4) 81(1) (SA Act)	Delegation of s 160(1) to AHPRA limited to situations where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 150(4) applies to require an investigation; or • where a notification is made to the AHPRA or the Board without patient consent to obtain records relevant to the notification. (As soon as possible after the decision to initiate an investigation, AHPRA must notify the Chair of the Board and give details of the investigation).
Div 8	Investigators				163 164(1)	
Div 8	Procedure after investigation		167 167(1) (ACT) 167(3) (ACT)		166(3) (ACT)	
Div 9	Health and performance assessments		169 170 171(1)	169 170		

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			172 176(1)(b) 176(3) 177 (note: in Qld Act, s.177 applies subject to Div 12, Subdiv 1 of Part 8) 177(1), (2), (4) (ACT)		171(1) 172(1) 175(2) (ACT) 176(1)(a) 176(3)	AHPRA may only provide a copy of the report once the relevant committee or State Board has determined whether s 176(1)(b) applies.
Div 10	Action by National Board		178 179		178(2)(c) 179(1) 179(2)(a) 180(1)	AHPRA is limited to deciding to propose action to impose conditions that relate to an apparent breach of s. 133 (advertising offences). AHPRA is limited to proposing standard conditions in relation to apparent breaches of s. 133 (advertising offences). AHPRA may only decide to take no further action under s. 179(2)(a) in relation to apparent breaches of s. 133 (advertising offences).
Div 11	Panels	183	181 182 192		181(1) 181(1A)* 182(1) 184(3) (ACT) 192(2)	AHPRA may only select persons to be on the panel and may not establish a panel unless it is a panel established under s. 181(1A), following a panel decision under s. 191(4A). This limitation does not apply for WA Matters. For WA Matters only:

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						<p>AHPRA may only select persons to be on the panel and may not establish the panel.</p> <p>AHPRA limited to maintaining the list of approved persons. AHPRA does not have power to approve people.</p> <p>AHPRA to give notice at the direction of panel members</p> <p>AHPRA to give notice to reflect the Panel's decision</p>
Div 12	Referring matter to tribunal		193 (excl Qld Act) 193 (Qld Act) 193A(1),(2) and (4) (Qld Act) 193B(1), (2) and (3) (Qld Act)		192(3A) (ACT) 193(2)(b) (excl Qld Act)	
Div 13	Appeals					
Div 14	Miscellaneous				205, 206 206A(2) (Qld Act) 206B(3) (Qld Act)	
Div 14B (NSW Act)	Health, performance and conduct (Miscellaneous)				176B (NSW Act)	
Part 10						
Div 2	Disclosure of information and confidentiality		220		217, 220	
Div 3	Registers (registered health practitioners)		226 (2) & (3)	226 (2) & (3)	222 223	AHPRA is only delegated the power to decide to remove

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Part and Division	Description	Not delegated by National Board	Registration and Notification Committee	Immediate Action Committee	AHPRA	Limitations on delegation
					225 226 227	<p>information that a registered health practitioner has been reprimanded from the National Register or Specialists Register under s. 226(3) where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the reprimand has been published for 5 years or longer; and - there has not been a 'Relevant Event' in the preceding 5 years regarding the practitioner. <p>AHPRA is only delegated the power to refuse a request to remove a reprimand under s. 226(3) where the Board or a duly authorised Committee (as the case may be) has issued a written notice to the registered health practitioner proposing to refuse to remove the reprimand and the practitioner does not provide a response in the time required by the notice or indicates they intend to make no submission in relation to the notice.</p>
Div 4	Registers (students)				229, 230	
Div 5	Other records				231, 232	
Div 6	Unique identifier				233	
Part 11						
Div 2	Inspectors				239 81(2) (SA Act)	

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					240	
Part 12						
Div 13	Complaints, notifications, disciplinary proceedings		289 291 17(WA Act) 18 (Tas Act)		289 291 17 (WA Act) 18 (Tas Act)	AHPRA may only give notice under this division.
Part 13 (Qld Act)						
N/A	Transitional (Qld)				310(1) and (2) (Qld Act)	

Change table

Part and Division	Description	Change	Date Change Made
Clause 2.16	Definition of Western Australia Matter	<p>Insert the following definition:</p> <p>Western Australia Matter means a matter to which the National Law applies that relates to the health, conduct or performance of a registered health practitioner, student or an application for registration by an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whose principal place of practice (or for an applicant his or her proposed principal place of practice) is in Western Australia; or • whose principal place of practice is in another state or territory, but who provides health services in Western Australia. <p>Western Australia Matter is deemed to include a matter that the relevant decision maker under the National Law, acting in good faith, regards as a Western Australia Matter, but which after further inquiry the relevant decision maker discovers does not relate to Western Australia.</p> <p>Note: to avoid doubt, in this definition the words:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'health, conduct or performance'; and • 'registered health practitioner', 'student' and applicant for registration, 	March 2018

		<p>have the same meaning, and incorporate the same concepts, as those words as used in Part 8 of the National Law (WA).</p> <p>Note: where the * symbol appears next to a power or function specified in Schedule 1, the delegation of that power will not apply to Western Australia Matters.</p>	
Part 7, Div 1	General registration	<p>Clarify that s. 56(1)* and s.56 (WA Matter only) are not delegated by National Board.</p> <p>Delegate s. 56(2)(a)(ii)* to AHPRA.</p>	March 2018
Part 7, Div 11/2	Review of conditions and undertakings	<p>Delegate 125(6)* and 126(6)* to Registration and Notification Committee.</p> <p>Delegate s. 125(6) (WA Matter only), 125(6A)*, 126(6) (WA Matter only), 126(6A)* and 127A(2)* to AHPRA.</p>	March 2018
Part 8, Div 11	Panels	<p>Delegate 181(1A)* to AHPRA subject to the following limitations:</p> <p>AHPRA may only select persons to be on the panel and may not establish a panel unless it is a panel established under s 181(1A), following a panel decision under s. 191(4A). This limitation does not apply for WA Matters.</p> <p>For WA Matters only: AHPRA may only select persons to be on the panel and may not establish the panel.</p>	March 2018