

Step-by-step guide: I don't hold registration and am now qualified for general registration

Use this guide if you

- do not hold registration with Ahpra or the Board
- your qualification is now a recognised qualification, or from a comparable regulator.

About this step-by-step guide

Use this step-by-step guide to answer the initial questions in the online form. This will help us find the right application form for you.

Before you start, **check** you're on the right path. You can do this on the [Occupational Therapy Board website](#).

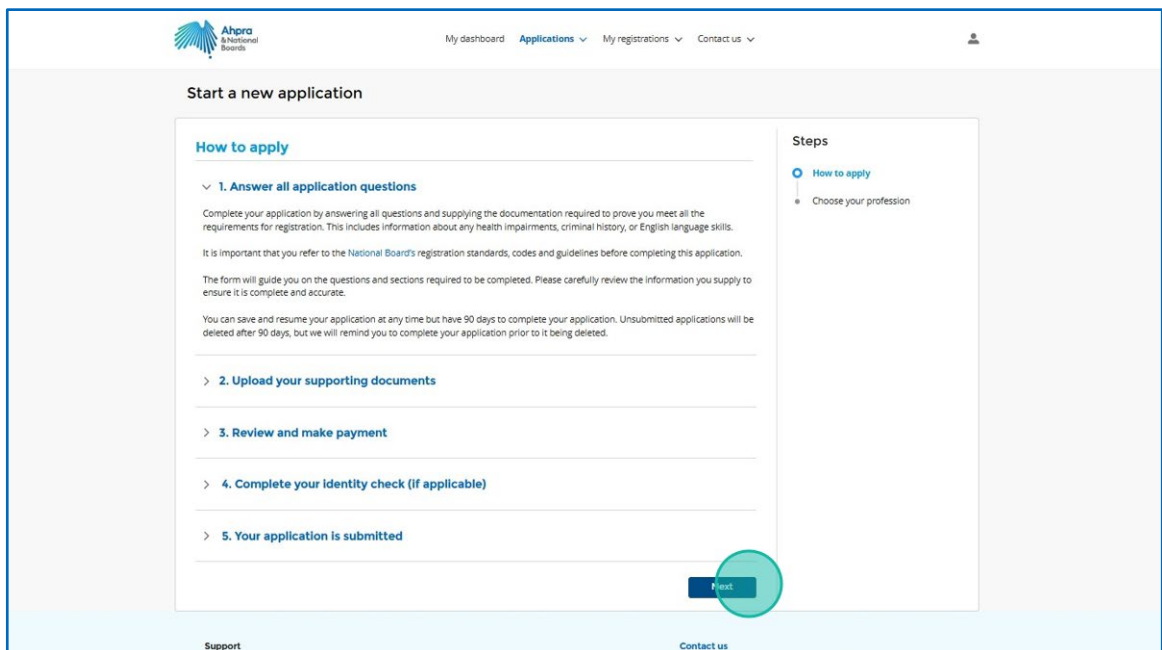
Gather the information you need. You can find out more on the Ahpra [Applying for Registration](#) page.

When you have everything, **log in to apply**

- if you have an account already – [start here](#)
- if you don't have an Ahpra account, you can [set one up here](#)

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Click **Next**



The screenshot shows the 'Start a new application' page on the Ahpra website. The page has a header with the Ahpra logo and navigation links: 'My dashboard', 'Applications', 'My registrations', and 'Contact us'. The main content area is titled 'Start a new application' and contains a 'How to apply' section. This section lists five steps: 1. Answer all application questions, 2. Upload your supporting documents, 3. Review and make payment, 4. Complete your identity check (if applicable), and 5. Your application is submitted. A 'Next' button is located at the bottom right of the 'How to apply' section, highlighted with a red circle. The page also includes a 'Support' link at the bottom left and a 'Contact us' link at the bottom right.

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
National Boards

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Ahpra and the National Boards regulate these registered health professions: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, chiropractic, dental, medical, medical radiation practice, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, paramedicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry and psychology.

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Click **What profession are you applying for registration in?**

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Click **Occupational Therapy**

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Choose your profession

*What profession are you applying for registration in?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice

Chinese Medicine

Chiropractic

Dental

Medical Radiation Practice

Midwifery

Nursing and Midwifery

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Click **No** in response to the question Do you hold an annual practicing certificate as a occupational therapist in New Zealand?

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Do you hold an annual practicing certificate as a occupational therapist in New Zealand?

Yes No

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Click **No** in response to the question Have you previously held registration as an occupational therapist in Australia?

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Do you hold an annual practising certificate as an occupational therapist in New Zealand?

Yes **No**

Have you previously held registration as an occupational therapist in Australia?

Yes **No**

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Click **No** in response to the question Have you completed or are you due to complete an approved course within the next 12 weeks?

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Do you hold an annual practising certificate as an occupational therapist in New Zealand?

Yes **No**

Have you previously held registration as an occupational therapist in Australia?

Yes **No**

*** Have you completed or are you due to complete an approved course within the next 12 weeks?**

Yes **No**

You can find a list of Board-approved qualifications on our website.

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Click **No** in response to the question Did you get your qualification in Australia?

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Yes No

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Yes No

✓ **Supervised Practice**

* Are you applying to complete a period of supervised practice in Australia?

Yes **No**

You should only answer yes to this question if you:

- do not qualify for general and/or specialist registration, and
- intend to practise under supervision.

Practitioners with limited registration for postgraduate training must not practise in any capacity outside of their clinical training program. If you are doing clinical training, you must be supervised under Board-approved arrangements.

We only grant registration for postgraduate training for a limited time and/or a limited scope

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Click **No** in response to the question Are you applying for registration to do postgraduate training?

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✓ Postgraduate Training

* Are you applying for registration to do postgraduate training?

You should only answer yes to this question if you:

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- intend to undertake postgraduate training, and
- are enrolled in a postgraduate program of study with an education provider in Australia.

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Click **No** in response to the question Are you applying for registration to fill a teaching or research position?

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✓ Teaching or Research

* Are you applying for registration to fill a teaching or research position?

You should only answer yes to this question if you:

- do not qualify for general and/or specialist registration, and
- will be teaching or researching in Australia, or
- will be demonstrating a clinical technique or will be participating in a workshop (usually for a short period of time)

To be eligible for registration in a teaching or research position, more than 50% of practice must be in teaching or research. Supervised clinical practice may be allowed if it is directly related to the teaching or research role.

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Click **No** in response to the question Are you applying to practice in the public interest?

*** Are you applying for registration to do postgraduate training?**

Yes **No**

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✓ Public Interest

*** Are you applying to practise in the public interest?**

Yes **No**

You should only answer yes to this question if you:

- do not qualify for general and/or specialist registration, and
- intend to practise only in the public interest.

We will determine whether it is in the public interest to grant you registration. We will only grant registration in the public interest for a limited time and/or scope.

Examples of where it might be in the public interest to grant registration include an unexpected situation such as a natural disaster or pandemic.

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Click **No** in response to the question Have you had your qualifications portfolio assessed by the board and received an outcome?

We only grant registration for postgraduate training for a limited time and/or scope.

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✓ Qualification Portfolio

*** Have you had your qualifications portfolio assessed by the board and received an outcome?**

Yes **No** I have not yet received an outcome for my qualifications portfolio

You should only answer yes to this question if you:

- had your qualification portfolio assessed by the board, and
- received the outcome of the qualification portfolio assessment.

For further information visit the board's website.

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Click **Yes** in response to the question Have you completed a qualification the board considers substantially equivalent or based on similar competencies? (Please refer to the Board's website for a list of substantially equivalent or based on similar competencies qualifications)

The screenshot shows a multi-step registration form. At the top, there are 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. Below this, there is a section titled 'Public Interest' with a question: 'Are you applying to practise in the public interest?'. This section also has 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. The next section is 'Qualification Portfolio' with a question: 'Have you had your qualifications portfolio assessed by the board and received an outcome?'. This section has 'Yes', 'No', and 'I have not yet received an outcome for my qualifications portfolio' buttons. The final question is: 'Have you completed a qualification the board considers substantially equivalent or based on similar competencies? (Please refer to the board's website for a list of substantially equivalent or based on similar competencies qualifications)'. The 'Yes' button for this question is circled in green. At the bottom right, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons.

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Click **Next**

This screenshot shows the same registration form as the previous one, but with the 'Next' button at the bottom right circled in green. All other elements, including the questions and buttons, are identical to the previous screenshot.

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Click **Apply**

Start a new application

Select your registration type

Good news - Below are the registration type/s available to you. Please select the registration type/s you wish to apply for to start your application.

General Registration as an occupational therapist

Unselected Apply

Registration Type: General

I want to apply for a different type of registration.

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Click **Next** to begin your application for general registration

Start a new application

Select your registration type

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General Registration as an occupational therapist

Unselected Apply

Registration Type: General

I want to apply for a different type of registration.

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