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## Application to change or add division of registration

Profession: **Dental**

Part 7 Division 6 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)

This form is for dental practitioners who currently hold general registration under section 52 of the National Law and who wish to apply to **change the division(s) in which they are registered**. For example, a registered practitioner may wish to:

- add a division, e.g. if you are registered as a dental hygienist and now wish to be registered and practise as both a dental hygienist and a dental therapist,
- remove a division, e.g. if you are registered as both a dental hygienist and dental therapist and now wish to only practise only as a dental therapist, and/or
- change between divisions, e.g. if you are trained and registered as a dental hygienist and dental therapist and now wish to register as an oral health therapist.

For all divisions in which you wish to be registered you will need to:

- have an approved qualification which leads to general registration in those divisions (see [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au) for the *Approved programs of study*), and
- comply with recency of practice requirements of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) for all those divisions (see [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au) for the *Recency of practice registration standard*). Recent graduates who apply for registration within the first year of graduation will not need to meet the recency of practice requirements.

It is important that you refer to the Board's registration standards when completing the form. Registration standards, codes and guidelines can be found at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au)



**This application will not be considered unless it is complete and all supporting documentation has been provided.** Supporting documentation **must** be certified in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) guidelines. For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

### Privacy and confidentiality

The Board and Ahpra are committed to protecting your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The ways the Board and Ahpra may collect, use and disclose your information are set out in the collection statement relevant to this application, available at [www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy).

By signing this form, you confirm that you have read the collection statement. Ahpra's privacy policy explains how you may access and seek correction of your personal information held by Ahpra and the Board, how to complain to Ahpra about a breach of your privacy and how your complaint will be dealt with. This policy can be accessed at [www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy).

### Symbols in this form

- Additional information**  
Provides specific information about a question or section of the form.
- Attention**  
Highlights important information about the form.
- Attach document(s) to this form**  
Processing cannot occur until all required documents are received.
- Signature required**  
Requests appropriate parties to sign the form where indicated.

### Completing this form

- Read and **complete all questions**.
- Ensure that **all pages** and required **attachments** are returned to Ahpra.
- Use a **black** or **blue** pen only.
- Print clearly in **BLOCK LETTERS**
- Place X in **all** applicable boxes:
- **DO NOT send original documents.**



Do not use staples or glue, or affix sticky notes to your application. Please ensure all supporting documents are on A4 size paper.

## SECTION A: Registration division(s)

1. Which division(s) are you currently registered in?

Mark all options applicable

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental prosthetist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral health therapist |   |

2. Of the division(s) you are currently registered in, which do you wish to continue to be registered in?

Mark all options applicable to your application

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental prosthetist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral health therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> None               |

3. Which additional (new) division(s) do you wish to apply for registration in?

Mark all options applicable to your application

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental prosthetist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral health therapist |   |

**SECTION B: Personal details**

The information items in this section of the application marked with an asterisk (\*) will appear on the public register.

**4. What is your name?**


**Title\*** MR  MRS  MISS  MS  DR  OTHER

**Family name\***

**First given name\***

**Middle name(s)\***

**Previous names known by (e.g. maiden name)**

 If you have ever been formally known by another name, or you are providing documents in another name, you **must** attach proof of your name change unless this has been previously provided to the Board. For more information, see *Change of name* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

**5. What are your birth and personal details?**

**Date of birth**  /  /

**Country of birth**

**City/Suburb/Town of birth**

**State/Territory of birth (if within Australia)**  
 VIC  NSW  QLD  SA  WA  NT  TAS  ACT

**Sex\***  
 MALE  FEMALE  INTERSEX / INDETERMINATE

**Languages spoken fluently other than English (optional)\***

**6. What is your registration number?**

**Registration number\***



## SECTION C: Contact information



Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time.  
Please go to [www.ahpra.gov.au/login](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/login) to change your contact details using your online account.

### 7. What are your contact details?

Provide your current contact details below – place an  next to your preferred contact phone number.

#### Business hours

#### Mobile

#### After hours

#### Email

### 8. What is your residential address?



If you are not currently practising, or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address:

- your residential address will be recognised as your principal place of practice, and
- the information items marked † will appear on the public register as your principal place of practice.

Refer to the question below for the definition of principal place of practice.

Residential address **cannot** be a PO Box.

#### Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)


#### Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)


#### City/Suburb/Town†

#### State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/International province†

#### Postcode/ZIP†

#### Country (if other than Australia)

### 9. Is the address of your principal place of practice the same as your residential address?

YES

NO  Provide your Australian principal place of practice below



Principal place of practice, for a registered health practitioner, is:

- the address at which you predominantly practise the profession, or
- your principal place of residence, if you are not practising the profession or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address.

Principal place of practice **cannot** be a PO Box.

The information items marked with an asterisk (\*) will appear on the public register.

#### Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)


#### Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)


#### City/Suburb/Town\*

#### State/Territory\* (e.g. VIC, ACT)

#### Postcode\*



10. What is your mailing address?

- Residential address
- Principal place of practice
- Other (*Provide your mailing address below*)

**i** Your mailing address is used for postal correspondence.

**Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)**

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**Address/PO Box** (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

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**Suburb/City/Town**

\_\_\_\_\_

**State or territory** (e.g. VIC, ACT)/**International province** **Postcode/ZIP**

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**Country (if other than Australia)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D: Qualification for the profession**

**i** In accordance with section 52 of the National Law, to be eligible for general registration you must be qualified for general registration in the health profession. Section 53 of the National Law states that to be qualified you must hold either:

- (a) an approved qualification for the health profession
- (b) a qualification that the National Board considers to be substantially equivalent, or based on similar competencies to an approved qualification
- (c) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), relevant to the health profession and have successfully completed an examination or other assessment required by the National Board for the purpose of general registration in the health profession, or
- (d) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), that under the National Law, or a corresponding prior Act, qualified you for general registration in the health profession and you were previously registered on the basis of holding that qualification.

The Board’s website contains information on approved qualifications accepted for section 53(a) above and examinations or assessments accepted under section 53(c) above. The qualifications approved by the Board for registration in the various divisions can be found on the Board’s list of *Approved programs of study* (see the Board’s website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au)).

11. What are the details of your qualifications and examinations/assessments for any additional (new) division(s)?

**i** For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

**Most recent qualification and examinations/assessments**

Title of qualification

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

\_\_\_\_\_

Country

\_\_\_\_\_

Start date Completion date

MM / YYYY MM / YYYY

You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.



### Additional qualification and examinations/assessments

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date

 / 

Completion date

 / 


You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.



Attach a separate sheet if all your qualification details do not fit in the space provided.

## SECTION E: Recent practice



You **must** have recency of practice in all of the division(s) in which you wish to be registered. The requirements outlined in the Board's *Recency of practice registration standard* also affect those changing between divisions of the register. Recent graduates should note that if they apply for registration within the first year of graduation they do not need to meet the recency of practice requirements.

For more information, see *Recency of practice* and *Practice* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form and the *Recency of Practice and Return to Practice* page on the Board's website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice)

12. Were you awarded your qualifications in the division(s) in which you are applying for registration more than one year ago?

YES

*Go to the next question*

NO

*Go to question 14*

13. Have you practised in the division(s) in which you are applying for registration in the past five years?

YES

NO



If you have not practised in the division(s) in the past five years, provide details which address the requirements for recency of practice.

You **must** attach a completed *Provision of additional information for recency of practice/Return to Practice Form - AIRP-20*. More information is available on the *Recency of Practice and Return to Practice* page of the Board's website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice)



## SECTION F: Suitability statements

**14. Do you commit to having appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements in place for all practice undertaken during the registration period?**



The Board requires all applicants for general registration to have appropriate professional indemnity arrangements in place when practising the profession in Australia. Applicants unable to meet this requirement are ineligible for registration. For more information, see *Professional indemnity insurance* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES

NO

**15. Will you be performing exposure-prone procedures in your practice?**



**Exposure prone procedures (EPPs)** are procedures where there is a risk of injury to the healthcare worker resulting in exposure of the patient's open tissues to the blood of the healthcare worker. These procedures include those where the healthcare worker's hands (whether gloved or not) may be in contact with sharp instruments, needle tips or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) inside a patient's open body cavity, wound or confined anatomical space where the hands or fingertips may not be completely visible at all times.

The CDNA has developed guidance on exposure-prone procedures in *Guidance on classification of exposure prone and non-exposure prone procedures in Australia 2017* available online at

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/cdna-national-guidelines-for-healthcare-workers-on-managing-bloodborne-viruses?language=en>

**Most dental practitioners working in clinical practice will perform EPPs.**

You can seek additional information about whether you perform exposure-prone procedures from your relevant organisation in Appendix 2 of the *CDNA National Guidelines – Healthcare Workers Living with Blood Borne Viruses / Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses* available online at

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/cdna-national-guidelines-for-healthcare-workers-on-managing-bloodborne-viruses?language=en>.

You can also seek additional advice from your employer or professional association.

YES  **Go to the next question**

NO  **Go to Section G: Obligations and consent**

**16. Do you commit to comply with the Australian National Guidelines for the management of healthcare workers living with blood borne viruses and healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures at risk of exposure to blood borne viruses?**



This includes testing for HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B at least once every three years. Testing for Hepatitis B is not necessary if you have demonstrated immunity to HBV through vaccination or resolved infection.

YES

NO



## SECTION G: Obligations, consent and declaration



**Before you sign and date this form**, make sure that you have answered all of the relevant questions correctly and read the statements below. An incomplete form may delay processing and you may be asked to complete a new form. For more information, see the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

### Obligations of registered health practitioners

The National Law pt 7 div 11 sub-div 3 establishes the legislative obligations of registered health practitioners. A contravention of these obligations, as detailed at points 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 8 below does not constitute an offence but may constitute behaviour for which health, conduct or performance action may be taken by the Board. Registered health practitioners are also obligated to meet the requirements of their Board as established in registration standards, codes and guidelines.

#### Continuing professional development

1. A registered health practitioner must undertake the continuing professional development required by an approved registration standard for the health profession in which the practitioner is registered.

#### Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

2. A registered health practitioner must not practise the health profession in which the practitioner is registered unless appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
3. A National Board may, at any time by written notice, require a registered health practitioner registered by the Board to give the Board evidence of the appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements that are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
4. A registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a written notice given to the practitioner under point 3 above.

#### Notice of certain events

5. A registered health practitioner must, within 7 days after becoming aware that a relevant event has occurred in relation to the practitioner, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the event.  
*Relevant event means—*
  - a) the practitioner is charged, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, with an offence punishable by 12 months imprisonment or more; or
  - b) the practitioner is convicted of or the subject of a finding of guilt for an offence, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, punishable by imprisonment; or
  - c) appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are no longer in place in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession; or
  - d) the practitioner's right to practise at a hospital or another facility at which health services are provided is withdrawn or restricted because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
  - e) the practitioner's billing privileges are withdrawn or restricted under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth) because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
  - f) the practitioner's authority under a law of a State or Territory to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use a scheduled medicine or class of scheduled medicines is cancelled or restricted; or
  - g) a complaint is made about the practitioner to the following entities—
    - (i) the chief executive officer under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth);
    - (ii) an entity performing functions under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth);
    - (iii) the Secretary within the meaning of the *National Health Act 1953* (Cth);
    - (iv) the Secretary to the Department in which the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) is administered;
    - (v) another Commonwealth, State or Territory entity having functions relating to professional services provided by health practitioners or the regulation of health practitioners.
  - h) the practitioner's registration under the law of another country that provides for the registration of health practitioners is suspended or cancelled or made subject to a condition or another restriction.

#### Change in principal place of practice, address or name

6. A registered health practitioner must, within 30 days of any of the following changes happening, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the change and any evidence providing proof of the change required by the Board—
  - a) a change in the practitioner's principal place of practice;
  - b) a change in the address provided by the registered health practitioner as the address the Board should use in corresponding with the practitioner;
  - c) a change in the practitioner's name.

#### Employer's details

7. A National Board may, at any time by written notice given to a health practitioner registered by the Board, ask the practitioner to give the Board the following information—
  - a) information about whether the practitioner is employed by another entity;
  - b) if the practitioner is employed by another entity—
    - (i) the name of the practitioner's employer; and
    - (ii) the address and other contact details of the practitioner's employer.
8. The registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice.





## Consent to nationally coordinated criminal history check

I consent to Ahpra and the National Board, at any time during the next 12 months, obtaining a written report about my criminal history through a nationally coordinated criminal history check. I acknowledge that:

- Ahpra and the National Boards may obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months
- a complete criminal history, including resolved and unresolved charges, spent convictions, and findings of guilt for which no conviction was recorded, will be released to Ahpra and the National Board
- my personal information currently held by Ahpra and from this form will be provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and Australian police agencies for the purpose of conducting a nationally coordinated criminal history check, including all names under which I am or have been known
- my personal information may be used by police for general law enforcement purposes, including those purposes set out in the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (Cth)
- my identity information provided with this application will be enrolled with Ahpra and used by Ahpra and the National Board when obtaining a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months
- if I have not provided any identity information with this application, and Ahpra needs to obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months, I will provide the required identity information when requested by Ahpra
- Ahpra may validate documents in support of this application, or that I provide when requested at any time during the next 12 months, as evidence of my identity at any time during the next 12 months
- if and when this application for renewal of registration is granted, Ahpra may obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months for the purpose of:
  - a) checking a statement made by me in this application for renewal,
  - b) an audit carried out by the National Board,
  - c) assessing my ongoing suitability to hold health practitioner registration, including if a complaint is made about me to Ahpra, or
  - d) considering an application made by me about my health practitioner registration, and
- I may dispute the result of the nationally coordinated criminal history check by contacting Ahpra in the first instance.

## Declaration

I declare that:

- the statements made, and any documents provided, in support of this application are true and correct, and
- I am the person named in this application and in any documents provided.

I make this declaration in the knowledge that a false declaration amounts to a contravention of the National Law and may lead to refusal of registration or health, conduct or performance action under the National Law.

I confirm that if I advertise any of my services or my business, the advertising\* complies with section 133 of the National Law and the National Board's Advertising Guidelines as it:

- Is not false, misleading or deceptive or likely to be misleading or deceptive
- does not offer a gift, discount or other inducement without stating the terms and conditions of the offer
- does not use testimonials or purported testimonials about the service or business
- does not create an unreasonable expectation of beneficial treatment, and
- does not directly or indirectly encourage the indiscriminate or unnecessary use of my services.

\*For information about advertising obligations please see the advertising resources page on:

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications/Advertising-hub.aspx>

I acknowledge that:

- the National Board may validate documents provided in support of this application as evidence of my identity
- failure to complete all relevant sections of this application for renewal of registration and to enclose all supporting documentation may result in this application not being accepted
- notices required under the National Law and other correspondence relating to my application for renewal of registration will be sent to me electronically to me via my nominated email address
- Ahpra uses overseas cloud service providers to hold, process, and maintain personal information where this is reasonably necessary to enable Ahpra to perform its functions under the National Law. These providers include Salesforce, whose operations are located in Japan and the United States of America.

I undertake to comply with the all relevant legislation and National Board registration standards, codes and guidelines.

I understand that personal information that I provide may be given to a third party for regulatory purposes, as authorised or required by the National Law.

Signature of applicant



SIGN HERE

Name of applicant

Date



**SECTION H: Payment**



**The relevant application fee must be paid for any change of division.**

A registration fee will also apply for any new divisions of registration. However, if you are currently registered as a dental hygienist and wish to continue to be registered in that division and **also** be registered as a dental therapist you need to pay the dental therapist application fee only. No additional registration fee is payable.

**Your required payment is detailed below**

Use the tables below to determine your application fee and registration fee. Your application fee and registration fee depends on your division(s).

Application fee:	
\$ INSERT FEE	
Division	Fee
Dentist and/or specialist	\$376
Dental hygienist, dental therapist and/or oral health therapist	\$183
Dental prosthetist	\$376

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Registration fee:		
\$ INSERT FEE		
Division	National Fee	NSW fee
Dentist and/or specialist	\$785	\$785
Dental hygienist, dental therapist and/or oral health therapist	\$246	\$246
Dental prosthetist	\$267	\$267

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Amount payable:
\$ INSERT FEE
Applicants <b>must</b> pay 100% of the stated fees at the time of submitting the application.

- Registration period**  
The annual registration period for the dental profession is from 1 December to 30 November. If your application is made between 1 October and 30 November this year, you will be registered until 30 November next year.
- Refund rules**  
The application fee is non-refundable. The registration fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.

**17. Please complete the credit/debit card payment slip below.**

**Credit/Debit card payment slip – please fill out**

Amount payable  
\$

Visa or Mastercard number

Expiry date  /       CVV

Name on card

Cardholder's signature  
 **SIGN HERE**



## SECTION I: Checklist

Have the following items been attached or arranged, if required?

<i>Additional documentation</i>		Attached
<b>Question 4</b>	Evidence of a change of name	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 11</b>	Certified copies of <b>all</b> of your relevant qualifications approved or considered to be equivalent by the Board	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 11</b>	A separate sheet with additional qualifications details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 13</b>	Details which address the requirements for recency of practice. This includes a completed <i>Provision of additional information for recency of practice/Return to Practice Form - AIRP-20</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Payment</b>		
	Application fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration fee	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Do not email this form.**

Please submit this completed form and supporting evidence using the Online Upload Service at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload).  
You may contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495

## Information and definitions

### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS LIVING WITH BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO PERFORM EXPOSURE PRONE PROCEDURES AT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) has published these guidelines. The following is a summary of the requirements in the CDNA guidelines:

Healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures (EPPs) must take reasonable steps to know their blood-borne virus (BBV) status and should be tested for BBVs at least once every three years. They are also expected to:

- have appropriate and timely testing and follow up care after a potential occupational exposure associated with a risk of BBV acquisition
- have appropriate testing and follow up care after potential non-occupational exposure, with testing frequency related to risk factors for virus acquisition
- cease performing all EPPs if diagnosed with a BBV until the criteria in the guidelines are met, and
- confirm that they comply with these guidelines when applying for renewal of registration if requested by their board.

Practitioners who are living with a blood-borne virus and who perform exposure-prone procedures have additional requirements. They are expected to:

- be under the ongoing care of a treating doctor with relevant expertise
- comply with prescribed treatment
- have ongoing viral load monitoring at the appointed times
- not perform EPPs if particular viral load or viral clearance criteria are not met (see detailed information in the guidelines according to the specific BBV)
- seek advice regarding any change in health condition that may affect their fitness to practise or impair their health
- release monitoring information to the treating doctor
- if required, release de-identified information to the relevant area of the jurisdictional health department/Expert Advisory Committee, and
- if required, release health monitoring information to a designated person in their workplace in the event of a potential exposure incident to assess the requirement for further public health action.

Additional information can be found in the CDNA *Australian National Guidelines for the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Blood Borne Viruses and Healthcare Workers Who Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses* available online at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/cdna-national-guidelines-for-healthcare-workers-on-managing-bloodborne-viruses?language=en>

### CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

**DO NOT send original documents.**

Copies of documents provided in support of an application, or other purpose required by the National Law, must be certified as true copies of the original documents. Each and every certified document **must**:

- be in English. If original documents are not in English, you must provide a certified copy of the original document and translation in accordance with Ahpra guidelines, which are available at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process)
- be initialled on every page by the authorised officer. For a list of people authorised to certify documents, visit [www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx)
- be annotated on the last page as appropriate e.g. 'I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original' and signed by the authorised officer,
- for documents containing a photograph, the following certification statement must be included by the authorised officer, 'I certify that this is a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me', along with their signature, and
- list the name, date of certification, and contact phone number, and position number (if relevant) and have the stamp or seal of the authorised officer (if relevant) applied.

Certified copies will only be accepted via the Online Upload Service at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload). Photocopies of previously certified documents will not be accepted. For more information, Ahpra's guidelines for certifying documents can be found online at [www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx)



## CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or if any of the documentation you are providing in support of your application is in another name(s).

Evidence must be a certified copy of one of the following documents:

- Standard marriage certificate (ceremonial certificates will not be accepted).
- Deed poll.
- Change of name certificate.

Faxed, scanned or emailed copies of certified documents will not be accepted.

## CRIMINAL HISTORY

**Criminal history** includes the following, whether in Australia or overseas, at any time:

- every conviction of a person for an offence
- every plea of guilty or finding of guilt by a court of the person for an offence, whether or not a conviction is recorded for the offence, and
- every charge made against the person for an offence.

Under the National Law, spent convictions legislation does not apply to criminal history disclosure requirements. Therefore, you must disclose your complete criminal history as detailed above, irrespective of the time that has lapsed since the charge was laid or the finding of guilt was made. The Board will decide whether your criminal history is relevant to the practice of your profession. You are not required to obtain or provide your Australian criminal history report, Ahpra will obtain this check on your behalf. But if you have not given us certified proof of identity documents since October 2019, you will need to do this first.

Any document containing a photograph must be annotated with the statement *'I certify that this a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me.'*

You may be required to obtain international criminal history reports.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at

[www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards)

and the requirements for supplying proof of identity and certified documents at

[www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Proof-of-Identity](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Proof-of-Identity)

and [www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Certifying-Documents](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Certifying-Documents)

## PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which you use your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in your profession. Practice in this context is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge (working) in a direct non-clinical relationship with clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of services in the profession.

## PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE (PII)

You cannot practise as a dental practitioner in Australia unless you are covered by your own, or third-party professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements that meet the requirements of the Board's registration standard.

Remember, practising means using your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in any paid or unpaid role in your profession.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at

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## REGENCY OF PRACTICE

To ensure that you are able to practise competently and safely, you **must** have recent practice in dentistry and in any field of practice (including specialist, endorsement or division of the register), in which you intend to work during the period of registration for which you are applying.

If in the previous five years you have not practised in the division(s) in which you are applying for registration, you will need to satisfy the Board's recency of practice requirements. For more information, view the full registration standard online at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards) and see the Recency of Practice and Return to Practice page on the Board's website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration)