

MEDICAL BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

Meeting Number 87

26 May 2010

10 am to 4 pm

Hilton Melbourne Airport

1. Welcome and general overview matters

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3. Registration matters

- 3.1 [REDACTED]
- 3.2 [REDACTED]
- 3.3 Feedback on the registration standard for limited registration for teaching and research and in the public interest
- 3.4 [REDACTED]

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Response to the Medical Board of Australia's consultation paper on registration standards for limited registration for teaching or research and limited registration in the public interest

The Medical Board of Queensland's (the Board) submission on the draft national registration standards and suggested amendments are outlined in this document.

Suggested amendments: Proposed registration standard – limited registration for teaching or research

Overall Comment: Clarification is sought regarding the definition of teaching and research under this standard, particularly whether clinical practice can be undertaken in conjunction with a position of teaching and/or research. Section 71 of the National Law states that an individual may not hold limited registration in the same health profession for more than one purpose under this Division [division 4] at the same time.

Sections 134 and 135 of the *Queensland Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001* provides for teaching, research and connected practice to be undertaken as a specialist.

Question: clarification is sought as to what registration options are available to applicants wishing to register for a teaching/research and to undertake clinical practice in the same or a separate facility.

Section 1. Summary

Amendment (I):

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**Suggested amendments: Proposed registration standard – limited
registration in the public interest**

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Section 2. Requirements on limited registration in the public interest

Amendment (VIII): On page 13, it states: "...If a practitioner with limited registration in public interest does not maintain their employment or clinical engagement in the designated position, they are unable to comply with the requirements on their practice and therefore cannot practise medicine."

It is suggested that the above paragraph be amended to read as follows:

"If a practitioner with limited registration for teaching or research does not maintain their employment in the designated position, they are no longer entitled to hold limited registration and therefore cannot continue practising medicine."

Section 3. Requirements for renewal of registration

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Comment: The standards for this category of registration are overly restrictive for applicants seeking registration for a period of four (4) weeks or less, particularly given the safe guard being put in place regarding supervision. It is recommended that exemptions for short-term applicants be considered in relation to:

- Pathway requirements
- English Language requirements (e.g. in demonstration scenarios)

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