



Application for financial hardship at renewal of provisional registration or transition from provisional to general registration

Profession: **Psychology**

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



You must submit this form and receive the outcome before you submit your renewal of provisional registration or application to transition from provisional to general registration for the 2020–2021 registration period. This form must be received no later than midnight AEDST 30 April 2021.

This form is for applicants who:

- are due to renew their provisional registration **or** are applying to transition from provisional to general registration through a Board approved pathway for the 2020–2021 registration period
- have not submitted either a renewal **or** an application to transition from provisional to general registration for the current 2020–2021 registration period, and
- are applying to pay the required registration fee in instalments due to financial hardship.*

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible you must be experiencing financial hardship* because the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in you being:

- underemployed, or
- unemployed, and/or
- unable to work because of restriction of or disruption to the delivery of the health service, or caring responsibilities.

You must be experiencing financial hardship and at least one of the other criteria. Each application will be assessed on individual circumstances.

If you have already submitted your provisional registration renewal or your application to transition to general registration for the 2020–2021 registration period, then you are not eligible to use this form.



***Financial hardship** in the context of the National Scheme means that because of family tragedy, financial misfortune, unemployment, serious illness, impacts of a natural disaster and other serious or difficult circumstances a practitioner is unable to reasonably provide necessities such as food, accommodation, clothing, education and/or medical treatment for themselves, their family or other dependents, and by extension, the costs associated with their registration.

The COVID-19 pandemic is considered a national health emergency for the purpose of this definition.

This may be because of unemployment, caring responsibilities, and/or change in the financial circumstances in the applicant's immediate household and they are now the sole earner.

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.

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.

Symbols in this form



Additional information

Provides specific information about a question or section of the form.



Attention

Highlights important information about the form.



Signature required

Requests appropriate parties to sign the form where indicated.

Completing this form

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

SECTION A: Application criteria

1. Have you already been approved for financial hardship for renewal of your provisional registration for the 2020-2021 registration period?

YES

NO



Unfortunately you can only be considered for financial hardship once for the 2020-2021 registration period.

Type of application for which you are applying for financial hardship

Mark one box only

Renewal of provisional registration

Application to transition from provisional to general registration

Registration number*

P S Y



2. Have you submitted paid for either your:
- application to renew provisional registration, OR
 - application to transition from provisional to general registration?

YES 

Unfortunately you cannot be considered for financial hardship as this needs to be done before your relevant application.

NO

Go to Section B: Personal details

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3. What is your name and date of birth?

Title MR MRS MISS MS DR OTHER

Family name

First given name

Middle name(s)

Date of birth / /

4. What are your contact details?

Preferred contact number

Email

SECTION C: 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 could result in your application for financial hardship not being decided prior to 30 April 2021.

I declare that I:

- have read the contents of this form
- have not submitted an application and been approved for financial hardship for any application type for the 2020–2021 registration period
- have not submitted my renewal of provisional registration or application to transition from provisional to general registration
- am experiencing financial hardship* and am **(you must tick at least one option below)**:
 - underemployed, or
 - unemployed, and/or
 - unable to work because of restriction of or disruption to the delivery of the health service, or caring responsibilities.

I understand that if my application for financial hardship is approved, I agree to pay the fee in two instalments. The first when I submit my relevant application, the second within three months from the day I am renewed or receive approval for my general registration.

Name

Date signed

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Valid signature



SIGN HERE



Valid signature is defined by either an official electronic signature or printing this form, signing and scanning for submission. Names that are typed in this field will not be accepted as a 'valid' signature.



SECTION D: If financial hardship application is approved

No payment is required from you at this time

Approval for renewal of provisional registration

Ahpra will consider this application and email you the outcome. If approved, your renewal payment will be adjusted to the first instalment amount at the time you renew, followed by another payment that will be required by no later than three months from the time of approval.

Approval for application to transition from provisional to general registration

Ahpra will consider this application and email you the outcome. If approved, you will be provided information about your required fee when lodging your application.

If you are not approved for financial hardship, you will be required to pay the full registration fee.

Once completed, submit this form via Ahpra's *Online upload* page at www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload.

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