

Return to Practice What you need to know

Physiotherapy Board of Australia Chair Kim Gibson





The Physiotherapy registration standards are:

- Continuing Professional Development is the maintenance, enhancement and extension of the knowledge, expertise and competence.
- Recency of Practice you must maintain practice.
- Professional Indemnity Insurance must be adequate for your chosen scope of practice.
- Criminal History you must tell us if and when your criminal history changes.
- Declaration at renewal



What is recency of practice?





What do we mean by practice?





What is recent practice?

450 hours of practice during the three-years **or**

150 hours in the previous registration year





When do you need meet the Recency of practice standard?

At application

Except new graduates

- At renewal
- At audit



Taking a break from practice





Are there exemptions to the standard?

- The Board expects that all physiotherapists will be able to meet the requirements.
- The Board does not discriminate on types of breaks e.g. parental leave, carer leave etc.
- No exemption may be granted to this standard.



What happens if I don't meet this standard?

Not meeting the requirements **does not mean that** you won't be able to be registered.



Returning after a prolonged break

Factors the Board considers:

- registration and practice history
- time away from practice
- pre-break scope of practice
- CPD
- intended scope of practice, role and position
- proposed PD
- level of risk
- supervision required, if necessary
- Recency of practice registration standard.



Nonpracticing to general registration

1) Non-Clinical Manager

- 2018-20 stream manager (trauma, pain and rehabilitation)
- 2016 program manager (Primary and Chronic Care)
- 1985 2016 clinical work

Result – full registration due to close connection to practice of the profession throughout.

2) Project officer in Health

- 2019–20 project officer (Pain Management Clinic)
- 2017–19 allied health assistant
- 2011–16 owner of small business

(totally different area of work)

- 2001–11 senior hospital clinician
- 1981-2001 various clinical roles

Result - Granted general registration with supervised practice for 150 hours to ensure there are no experience gaps.



No Registration – general registration

3) Extended parental leave

- 2012–20 physio assistance with family member
- 1994-2006 clinical practice
- Return to practice plan
 - Completed extensive course
 - Professional development plan
 - Job to go to

Result - registration with supervised practice for 900 hours with progression through levels



4) Long break from practice

- 2002–03 15 hrs/wk private practice
- 2000-02 10 hrs/wk hospital
- 1989–96 full time hospital
- Job but no clear practice plan

Result - 'Refused to renew'.

Procedure and plan for returning to practice

All applicants must submit:

- an application for general registration, including a *curriculum vitae* in the AHPRA format
- a completed re-entry to practice plan

Plan for re-entry to practice

Name of practitioner	

Details of proposed employer (if applicable)	Name of employer:	
	Name of organisation:	
	Address:	
	Address.	
	Bus. Phone No:	

Proposed role	Previous field of practice	
	Details of proposed field of practice	
	Description of employment:	
	Include:	
	 Details of proposed field of practice A description of your <u>past experience</u> and its relevance to the proposed role 	
Please include with your application for registration:	A CV in the AHPRA standard format (The AHPRA standard CV format guideline may be found under <i>Registration</i> on the AHPRA website at <u>www.ahpra.gov.au</u>)	

Professional development activities

List any professional development activities you have done in the 12 months prior to the submission of your plan

(You may submit your CPD portfolio):

Describe the professional development activities that you will undertake in the next 12 months:

Applicant name:	
Applicant signature:	
Date:	



Supervision when returning to practice

- Supervised practice will need to adhere to the *Supervision guidelines for physiotherapy*.
- Consider submitting a supervision plan with your initial application





Go to the Board's website: <u>www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au</u>.



COVID-19 Response

- Physiotherapists on the pandemic sub-register
- Flexibility for CPD
- National principles for clinical education
- Online application process
- Telehealth guidance







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Question and Answer session

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