

Information sheet

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Registration standard for limited registration for teaching or research

Requirements for applicants applying to work in research positions

Summary

This document supports the Medical Board of Australia's (the Board's) registration standard for limited registration for teaching or research.

It provides guidance about the evidence that an applicant applying for this type of registration to work in a research position must provide to demonstrate they meet the requirements of the National Law and the Board's registration standard.

Background

The Board's registration standard for limited registration for teaching or research defines the requirements for granting this type of registration to international medical graduates.

The National Law¹ requires an applicant's qualification/s to be relevant to, and suitable for, the teaching or research position. Under the Board's registration standard, the applicant must also demonstrate that more than 50 per cent of practice will be in teaching or research. Clinical practice is only allowed where it is directly related to the teaching or research position.

The information submitted by the applicant will help the Board assess whether the applicant meets these requirements for the purposes of granting registration to work in a research position.

Requirements specific to a research position

Applicants must meet a range of registration requirements defined in the Board's registration standard including the following requirements specific to a research position.

1. Qualifications

You must provide evidence of qualifications that are relevant to, and suitable for, the research position.

2. Detailed position description and research protocol

You must provide a detailed position description and research protocol. Your position description must:

- align with your role defined in the research protocol
- clearly demonstrate that more than 50 per cent of your practice is in research.

Note: Recruiting patients for clinical trials is not considered research.

¹ Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory

3. *Clinical practice is directly related to the research*

If your proposed research position includes clinical practice, your position description must:

- clearly define your clinical duties and the extent of these duties
- demonstrate your clinical practice is directly related to your role as defined in the research protocol.

Note: International medical graduates with provisional or limited registration must be appropriately supervised for all clinical practice. They must comply with their Board approved supervised practice plan and the Board's *Guidelines - Supervised practice for international medical graduates*.

4. *Ethics approval*

If ethics approval is required for the research you are conducting (e.g. human participants), evidence in the following form must be provided:

- evidence that the research has the approval of a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC), and
- evidence that your name and position has been included in the application for ethics approval or in an application for ethics approval amendment or modification

OR

- written confirmation from your proposed employer that the research project will be submitted for HREC approval including:
 - the name of the HREC that will be considering the application for ethics approval
 - confirmation that your name and position will be included in the HREC application.

If your application for registration is granted, you will be required to provide evidence of ethics approval before renewal of registration can be approved.

5. *Clinical trials*

If the research involves clinical trials, evidence in the following form must be submitted:

- evidence that the clinical trial is registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry, or
- written confirmation from your employer that the clinical trial will be registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry before recruitment of the first participant.

More information

The Board is not responsible for deciding the quality and integrity of the applicant's research. However, the Board expects that research conducted in Australia by medical practitioners meets national standards for research. For more information see:

- the Board's [registration standard for limited registration for teaching or research](#)
- the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Research Council and Universities Australia [National Code for the responsible conduct of research](#)
- the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Research Council and Universities Australia [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research](#)
- the Therapeutic Goods Administration [Australian Clinical Trial Handbook](#)
- [Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry](#).