



# Request to add an alternative name on the register

Section 131A of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)

Practitioners are able to nominate one alternative name under the National Law section 131A. An alternative name is used in connection with practice. This form is for nominating an alternative name to be published on the register of practitioners and registration certificates.

## 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: Personal details

1. What are your current personal details held by the Board?

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

**Family name\***

**First given name\***

**Middle name(s)\***

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

**Date of birth**  
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**Sex\***  
 MALE  FEMALE  INTERSEX/INDETERMINATE

2. What is your registration number?

**Profession**

**Registration number**



## SECTION B: Alternative name



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

### 3. What are the details of your alternative name?



Under the National Law, you can nominate one alternative name to record on the register of practitioners. The name must not be a prohibited name. For more information, see *Prohibited names* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

**Family name\***

**First given name\***

**Middle name(s)\***

If your alternative name is a single name, we'll publish it in the family name field. Your alternative name cannot be the same as your legal name.

### 4. Please select the reason(s) for your connection to your requested alternative name.

**Please select the option(s) that apply**

<input type="checkbox"/> Name at birth <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional name <input type="checkbox"/> Professional or business name <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting name	<input type="checkbox"/> Name formerly known by <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
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You can attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

## 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 you may be asked to complete a new form.

I confirm that I have read the privacy and confidentiality statement for this form.

I declare that:

- the above statements and the documents (if provided) in support of this request, are true and correct, and
- I am the person named in the attached documents (if provided).

<p>Name of applicant</p> <input style="width: 90%; height: 20px;" type="text"/> <p>Date</p> <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/> / <input style="width: 20px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<p>Signature of applicant</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #0070C0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; color: #0070C0; opacity: 0.5;">SIGN HERE</span> </div>
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**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

### PROHIBITED NAME

An alternative name will be considered a prohibited name if it:

#### A. Is obscene or offensive

An alternative name may be considered obscene or offensive if it:

- Is a swear word
- Describes lewd or sexual acts
- Describes violence
- Is a racial, ethnic or cultural slur or implies a racial, ethnic or cultural slur
- Might be considered reasonably likely to insult, humiliate, offend or intimidate a person or group on the basis of race, gender, sexuality, religion, ability or other distinguishing characteristic.

#### B. Cannot be practicably established by repute or usage because:

- i. It is too long  
A name that is very long cannot consistently be used in full either in day-to-day interactions or on standard forms, documentation, or the public register. Current system limitations are 120 characters in total. A nominated alternative name that exceeds this limit may not be able to be published.
- ii. It consists of or includes symbols without phonetic significance  
A name containing numbers or symbols that does not have a corresponding spoken sound is a prohibited name. An exception to this is the inclusion of hyphens for hyphenated names (Lisa-Marie or Smith-Jones for example) or an apostrophe where phonetic, familial, or cultural significance applies (O'Dempsey or Fa'anape for example).
- iii. Is or includes a statement or phrase  
A name that contains a statement or phrase, including words that may represent salutations, can be confusing and may be misleading and is prohibited.
- iv. For another reason

#### C. Includes or resembles:

- i. An official title or rank  
An alternative name that contains an official title or rank can be misleading and is prohibited. Examples of titles or ranks that are prohibited include royal or peerage titles, military or law enforcement ranks, political, judicial or academic titles. (Examples include but are not limited to Professor, Duchess, Commander, Commissioner, President etc.)
- ii. A protected title specified in the Table to Section 11 of the National Law
- iii. A specialist title
- iv. Uses the title 'dental specialist'
- v. Uses the title 'medical specialist'

The use of protected and specialist titles as an alternative name is confusing and may be misleading to the public and these are therefore prohibited names.

#### D. The name is contrary to the public interest for another reason

A name may be contrary to the public interest if it is misleading, expresses a meaning or has significance that could cause social disharmony, represents commercial or company interests, may be defamatory, or is chosen for a fraudulent or improper use. (Examples may include, but are not limited to, where an alternative name may contravene or conflict with an existing law or registration regime, for example trademark or copyright laws, a name that expresses a meaning or has significance that would cause social disharmony, such as the name of a perpetrator of a crime or a name that implies an official connection to a government or other entity or enterprise, such as the name of a major sporting event or similar.)