Medical Board Ahpra

Application for specialist registration

For applicants who do not hold general registration

Profession: **Medical**

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

This form is for graduates of Australian and New Zealand medical schools and international medical graduates (IMGs) who are qualified and eligible for specialist registration who do **not** hold general registration and who are applying to practise within a medical specialty.

It is important that you refer to the Medical Board of Australia's (the Board) registration standards, codes and guidelines before completing this application. Registration standards, codes and guidelines can be found at **www.medicalboard.gov.au**

This application will not be considered unless it is complete and all supporting documentation has been provided. Supporting documentation **must** be certified in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) guidelines. For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

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.

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.

Mail document(s) directly to Ahpra
Requires delivery of documents by an organisation or the applicant.

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 unless specified.**

Do not use staples or glue, or affix sticky notes to your application. Please ensure all supporting documents are on A4 size paper.

PART A – To be completed by the applicant

SECTION A: Personal details

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

1. What is your name and date of birth?

Title*
MR ☐ MRS ☐ MISS ☐ MS ☐ DR ☐ OTHER SPECIFY

Family name*

First given name*

Middle name(s)*

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

Date of birth DD / MM / YYYY

If you have ever been formally known by another name, or you are providing documents in another name, you **must** attach proof of your name change unless this has been previously provided to the Board. For more information, see *Change of name* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

2. What are your birth and personal details?

Country of birth

City/Suburb/Town of birth

State/Territory of birth (if within Australia)

VIC ☐ NSW ☐ QLD ☐ SA ☐ WA ☐ NT ☐ TAS ☐ ACT ☐

Sex*

MALE ☐ FEMALE ☐ INTERSEX / INDETERMINATE ☐

Languages spoken other than English (optional)*

3. Do you currently hold registration with the Board?

YES ☐ NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to Section B: Proof of identity***

Provide your medical registration number – ***then go to Section C: Contact information***

Registration number*

M E D

SECTION B: Proof of identity

You must provide proof of your identity with this application. Please refer to the *Proof of identity requirements* available at **www.ahpra.gov.au/identity**.

You **must** provide one document from each category A, B and C, and one document from category D if the document supplied for category B or C does not contain evidence of a current Australian residential address.

4. Are you applying for registration from outside of Australia AND unable to provide evidence from each category?

If you are applying for registration from outside of Australia and are unable to provide evidence from each category, you will be required to meet the minimum identity requirements. Refer to **www.ahpra.gov.au/identity** for further information.

YES ☐ NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to the next question***

Attachment required below – then go to Section C: Contact information

You **must** attach a certified copy of a foreign passport (an EU card is not acceptable).

Your certified copy **must** include:

- a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page), and
- an official English translation of your passport (if your passport is in a language other than English). Please refer to *Translating documents* at **www.ahpra.gov.au/translate** for further information.

5. Which documents from each category will you provide for proof of identity?

You **must** only use each document once.

The documents provided **must** meet the following criteria:

- At least **one** document must be in the applicant's current name.
- Your category B document **must** have a recent photo.
- All documents **must** be officially translated into English. Please refer to *Translating documents* at **www.ahpra.gov.au/translate** for further information.
- If using your passport, a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page) **must** be provided.
- All documents **must** be true certified copies of the original. See *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form for more information.

Choose proof of identity documents to submit: (A document may only be used once for any category)

Documents	Category used: A	B	C	Documents	Category used: A	B	C
Australian birth or adoption certificate	☐	NA	☐	Australian financial institution account	NA	NA	☐
Australian visa (Foreign passport must be selected as evidence for Category B)	☐	NA	☐	Australian Medicare card	NA	NA	☐
				Australian PAYG payment summary	NA	NA	☐
ImmiCard	☐	NA	☐	Australian motor vehicle registration	NA	NA	☐
Australian citizenship certificate	☐	NA	☐	Australian Taxation Assessment Notice	NA	NA	☐
Australian passport	☐	☐	☐	Australian insurance policy	NA	NA	☐
Australian motor vehicle licence	NA	☐	☐	Australian pension/healthcare card	NA	NA	☐
Foreign passport	NA	☐	☐	**Category D documents**			
Australian Working with Children/ Vulnerable People Card	NA	☐	☐	A document from Category D is only required if your Category B or C document does not provide evidence of your residential address.			
Australian firearms or shooter's licence	NA	☐	☐				
Australian student ID card	NA	☐	☐	I have used a Category B or C document that has my current residential address			☐
Intl. or foreign motor vehicle licence	NA	☐	☐				
Australian proof of age card	NA	☐	☐	Australian rate notice			☐
Australian government benefits	NA	NA	☐	Current Australian lease or tenancy agreement			☐
Australian academic transcript	NA	NA	☐	Australian utility account			☐
Australian registration certificate	NA	NA	☐	Australian electoral enrolment card			☐

You **must** attach a certified copy of **all** proof of identity documents that you have indicated above.

SECTION C: Contact information

Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time. Please go to **www.ahpra.gov.au** and

- download and complete the change of address form *CHDT-00 – Request for change of address details on the register*, or
- log in to your Ahpra account to change your details online.

6. What are your contact details?

Provide your current contact details below – place an ☒ next to your preferred contact phone number.

Business hours

Mobile

After hours

Email

7. What is your residential address?

If you are not currently practising, or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address:

- your residential address will be recognised as your principal place of practice, and
- the information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register as your principal place of practice.

Refer to the question below for the definition of principal place of practice.

Residential address **cannot** be a PO Box.

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town*

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)**/International province***

Postcode/ZIP*

Country (if other than Australia)

8. Is the address of your principal place of practice the same as your residential address?

YES ☐ NO ☐ ***Provide your Australian principal place of practice below***

Principal place of practice for a registered health practitioner is:

- the address at which you predominantly practise the profession, or
- your principal place of residence, if you are not practising the profession or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address.

Principal place of practice **cannot** be a PO Box.

The information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register.

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town*

State/Territory* (e.g. VIC, ACT)

Postcode*

9. What is your mailing address?

Your mailing address is used for postal correspondence

- ☐ My residential address
- ☐ My principal place of practice
- ☐ Other ***(Provide your mailing address below)***

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

City/Suburb/Town

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)**/International province**

Postcode/ZIP

Country (if other than Australia)

SECTION D: Qualification for the profession

In accordance with section 57 of the National Law, to be eligible for specialist registration you must be qualified for specialist registration in the health profession. Section 58 of the National Law states that to be qualified you must hold either:

(a) an approved qualification for the specialty

(b) another qualification that the National Board established for the health profession considers to be substantially equivalent, or based on similar competencies, to an approved qualification for the specialty

(c) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), relevant to the health profession AND have successfully completed an examination or other assessment required by the National Board for the purpose of general registration in the specialty, or

(d) a qualification, not referred to in (a) or (b), that under the National Law, or a corresponding prior Act, qualified you for specialist registration (however described) in the specialty and you were previously registered on the basis of holding that qualification for the specialty.

10. What are the details of your relevant qualifications?

Primary degree in medicine

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date M M / Y Y Y Y

Completion date M M / Y Y Y Y

You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.

The Board maintains a list of approved specialties, fields of specialty practice and related specialist titles. The complete list of approved specialties can be found in the *List of specialties, fields of specialty practice and related specialist titles registration standard* on the Board's website **www.medicalboard.gov.au**

Specialties outside of the approved list will not meet the eligibility requirements for specialist registration.

Specialist qualification

Title of qualification

Title of medical specialty

Field of specialty practice (if applicable)

Name of specialist college recognising specialist qualifications

Date of recognition

M M / Y Y Y Y

You **must** attach certified evidence of either:

- a Board-approved Australian/Australasian College Fellowship, or
- eligibility for a Board approved Australian/Australasian College Fellowship.

For further information see the Board's registration standard for specialist registration at **www.medicalboard.gov.au\registration standards**

Additional qualification and examinations/assessments

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date M M / Y Y Y Y

Completion date M M / Y Y Y Y

You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.

Attach a separate sheet if all your qualification details do not fit in the space provided.

SECTION E: Primary source verification of qualifications

For your application to be considered, you must have applied to have your qualifications verified through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC). The Australian Medical Council (AMC) will provide the verification to the Board. For more information about the process go to the AMC website **www.amc.org.au**.

11. Have you applied to the AMC to have your qualifications verified?

YES ☐

Provide your AMC candidate number below

AMC candidate number

NO ☐ I am exempt as I hold an approved primary qualification from an Australian or New Zealand medical school and I have completed my specialist training in Australia or New Zealand with a specialist medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council.

SECTION F: Internship and other supervised practice details

All applicants **must** provide details of an internship, or comparable, if applying for initial registration in Australia.

12. What are the details of your internship (or comparable)?

Name of institution

Country

Start date MM / YYYY

Completion date MM / YYYY

You **must** attach evidence of completion of your internship or comparable if you are applying for initial registration in Australia.

SECTION G: Registration history

13. Do you currently hold registration with the Medical Board of Australia?

YES ☐ ▶ ***Go to the next question*** NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to question 16***

14. Since you were granted registration in Australia, have you practiced as a health practitioner outside of Australia?

YES ☐ ▶ ***Go to question 16*** NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to the next question***

15. Since you were granted registration in Australia, has your registration status or good standing in a country other than Australia changed?

YES ☐ ▶ ***Go to the next question*** NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to Section I: Suitability Statements***

16. What is your health practitioner registration history?

The Board requires a Certificate of Registration Status or Certificate of Good Standing from **every** jurisdiction outside of Australia in which you are currently, or have previously been, registered as a health practitioner **during the past 10 years**.

Certificates **must** be dated within three months of your application being received by Ahpra.

Most recent registration

State/Territory/Country

Profession

Period of registration DD / MM / YYYY to DD / MM / YYYY

Additional registration

State/Territory/Country

Profession

Period of registration DD / MM / YYYY to DD / MM / YYYY

You **must** arrange for original Certificates of Registration Status or Certificates of Good Standing to be forwarded directly from the registration authority to your Ahpra state office.
Refer to **www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/Contact-Us** for your Ahpra state office address.

Attach a separate sheet if your registration history does not fit in the space provided.

SECTION H: Work history

17. What is your full practice history?

It is important that you refer to *Curriculum vitae* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form for **mandatory requirements** of the CV. Your curriculum vitae will further inform the Board in relation to your recency of practice and registration history.

You **must** attach to your application a **signed and dated** curriculum vitae that describes your full practice history and any clinical or skills training undertaken.

SECTION I: Suitability statements

Information required by the Board to assess your suitability for registration is detailed in the following questions. It is recommended that you provide as much information as possible to enable the Board to reach a timely and informed decision.

Please note that registration is dependent on suitability as defined in the National Law, and the requirements set out in the Board's registration standards. Refer to **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards** for further information.

18. Do you currently hold registration with the Medical Board of Australia?

YES ☐ ▶ ***Go to the next question***

NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to question 21***

19. Since your last declaration to Ahpra, has there been any change to your criminal history in Australia that you have not declared to Ahpra?

It is important that you have a clear understanding of the definition of criminal history. For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ ▼ NO ☐

You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances.

20. Since your last declaration to Ahpra, has there been any change to your criminal history in one or more countries other than Australia that you have not declared to Ahpra?

For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

If you answer Yes to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to **www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory**

NO ☐ ▶ ***Go to question 24***

YES ☐ ▼ ***You are required to:***

- ***obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below, and***
- ***provide details of the change in your criminal history in a signed and dated written statement.***

Provide details below, then go to question 24

Country	Check reference number

You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.

You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.

You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in each of the countries listed and an explanation of the circumstances.

21. Do you have any criminal history in Australia?

It is important that you have a clear understanding of the definition of criminal history. For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ ▼ NO ☐

You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances.

22. Do you have any criminal history in one or more countries other than Australia?

For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

If you answer Yes to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to **www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory**

NO ☐ ***Go to the next question***

YES ☐ ***You are required to:***

- ***obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below, and***
- ***provide details of your criminal history in a signed and dated written statement.***

Country	Check reference number

You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.

You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.

You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in each of the countries listed and an explanation of the circumstances.

23. Are there any countries other than Australia in which you have lived, or been primarily based, for six consecutive months or longer, when aged 18 years or more?

If you answer Yes to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to **www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory**

NO ☐ ***Go to the next question***

YES ☐ ***You are required to obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below***

Country	Check reference number

You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.

You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.

24. Are you currently, or have you previously been registered to practise as a medical practitioner in Australia and have used English as your primary language within the past five years?

All applicants for **initial registration**, which includes all applicants who have not used English as their **primary language** for a period of greater than five years (as at date of application), mus*t demonstrate they meet the English language skills registration standard.*

YES ☐ I declare I have used English as my primary language within the past five years.
Go to question 29

NO ☐ ***Go to the next question***

All applicants must demonstrate English language competency via one of the following pathways:

An evidence requirements guide is available at **www.ahpra.gov.au/EnglishLanguageSkills**.

Recognised country means one of the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America.

Combined secondary and tertiary education pathway
You have undertaken and satisfactorily completed:
- at least two years of secondary education that was taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, **and**
- tertiary qualifications on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law, which were taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country.

Extended education pathway
You have undertaken and satisfactorily completed at least six years' (full time equivalent) continuous education taught and assessed solely in English, in any of the recognised countries, which includes tertiary qualifications in the profession on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law.

Primary language pathway
With overseas qualification in a non-recognised country
English is your primary language and you have undertaken and satisfactorily completed:
- all of your primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, **and**
- tertiary qualifications on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law, which were taught and assessed solely in English.

English language test pathway
You have achieved the required minimum scores in one of the approved English language tests and meet the requirements for test results specified in the Board's *English language skills registration standard*.

25. Which one of the English language competency pathways do you meet?

Ahpra may verify the information you provide below.

For more information, see *English language skills* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Combined secondary and tertiary education pathway ☐ ▶ ***Provide details of secondary and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 29***

Extended education pathway ☐ ▶ ***Provide details of secondary, vocational and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 29***

Primary language pathway ☐ ▶ This is a declaration that English is your primary language ***Provide details of primary, secondary and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 29***

English language test pathway ☐ ▶ ***Go to question 26***

Complete the following table of education undertaken in chronological order (earliest to most recent):

Timeframe	Level of education	Program name *If applicable*	Education institution *Specify name and address*	Recognised country *If applicable*	Study status
Study commenced: M M Y Y Y Y Study completed: M M Y Y Y Y	☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Vocational ☐ Tertiary			☐ Australia ☐ Canada ☐ New Zealand ☐ Republic of Ireland ☐ South Africa ☐ United Kingdom ☐ United States	☐ Full time ☐ Part time
Study commenced: M M Y Y Y Y Study completed: M M Y Y Y Y	☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Vocational ☐ Tertiary			☐ Australia ☐ Canada ☐ New Zealand ☐ Republic of Ireland ☐ South Africa ☐ United Kingdom ☐ United States	☐ Full time ☐ Part time
Study commenced: M M Y Y Y Y Study completed: M M Y Y Y Y	☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Vocational ☐ Tertiary			☐ Australia ☐ Canada ☐ New Zealand ☐ Republic of Ireland ☐ South Africa ☐ United Kingdom ☐ United States	☐ Full time ☐ Part time

Please attach a separate sheet with any additional details that do not fit in the space provided above.

The qualification that is relied on for registration must have been taught and assessed solely in English. If the Board cannot verify this through the current World Directory of Medical Schools, you may be asked to provide an academic transcript of your medical qualification which confirms that it was taught and assessed solely in English. Where a transcript is required, if the transcript does not confirm that the course was taught and assessed in English, you will be required to arrange for a letter to be provided directly to Ahpra by the education provider confirming that the course was taught and assessed solely in English.

26. Were your results from the English language tests obtained in one or two sittings?

In certain circumstances, you can use English language test results from a maximum of two test sittings **in a six month period**. For more information, refer to the Board's *English language skills registration standard*.

One sitting ☐ ▶ ***Provide date of test below, then go to the next question and complete details for one sitting***

Two sittings ☐ ▶ ***Provide dates below, then go to the next question and complete details for both sittings***

Sitting one D D / M M / Y Y Y Y Sitting two D D / M M / Y Y Y Y

27. Which of these English language tests have you successfully completed?

Provide reference number(s) for the test(s) you are relying on and attach a copy of your test results.

☐ **International English Language Test System (IELTS) Academic module**

Test report form number – sitting one: A

Test report form number – sitting two (if applicable): A

The Board requires the IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

☐ **Occupational English Test (OET)**

Candidate number – sitting one: - -

Candidate number – sitting two (if applicable): - -

The Board requires the OET with a minimum score of B or 350 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

☐ **Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)**

Registration ID – sitting one:

Registration ID – sitting two (if applicable):

The Board requires the PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

☐ **Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)**

Registration number – sitting one:

Registration number – sitting two (if applicable):

The Board requires the TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 and the minimum scores of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing, and 23 for speaking.

If your English language test(s) were completed within the past two years, you **must** provide a copy of your test results, including the reference number(s), so that Ahpra can verify your results.
If your English language test(s) were not completed within the past two years, you **must** provide a certified copy of your results.

☐ **NZREX**

☐ **PLAB test**

You **must** provide a certified copy of your English language test results.

28. Were your results from the above-mentioned English language tests obtained in the past two years?

YES ☐ NO ☐

In order for your results to be accepted, within 12 months of completing your test(s) you **must** have commenced:

- continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country where English was the primary language of practice, **and/or**
- continuous enrolment in an approved program of study.

You **must** lodge this application within 12 months of completing the employment and/or program of study.

You **must** attach a certified copy of your English language test results, **and**:

- your CV and a letter from employer(s) or a professional referee in the required form confirming continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country (if you are relying on continuous employment over two years in duration, only two years is required), **and/or**
- an academic transcript evidencing that you were enrolled continuously in a Board-approved program of study that commenced within 12 months of sitting the English language test, and that you completed your study no longer than 12 months before lodging your application.

29. Do you commit to having appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements in place for all practice undertaken during the registration period?

For more information, see *Professional indemnity insurance* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ NO ☐

30. Do you meet the recency of practice registration standard?

To meet the standard, medical practitioners must have practised within their scope of practice for a minimum total of:

- four weeks full-time equivalent in one registration period, which is a total of 152 hours, or
- 12 weeks full-time equivalent over three consecutive registration periods, which is a total of 456 hours.

For more information, see *Recency of practice* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ NO ☐ ***Go to the next question***

Mark all options applicable to your application – *then go to question 33*

☐ I have practiced a minimum of four weeks full-time equivalent (152 hours) in the last year.

☐ I have practiced a minimum of 12 weeks full-time equivalent (456 hours) over the last three years.

31. Have you previously practised medicine for more than two years?

For more information, see *Practice* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ ***Go to the next question*** NO ☐

Mark all options applicable to your application – *then go to question 33*

☐ I have practiced within the last 12 months.

☐ I have not practiced within the last 12 months.

You are required to commence work under supervision in a training position approved by the Board. You **must** attach details of the supervised training position you propose to take up.

32. How long have you been absent from practise?

Choose appropriate option

☐ Less than one year

☐ Between one and three years

You **must** attach evidence of having completed the equivalent of one year's CPD activities relevant to your intended scope of practice.

☐ More than three years

You **must** attach a plan for professional development and re-entry to practice for consideration by the Board. Refer to information relating to re-entry to practice at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Policies/FAQ**

33. Have you changed the scope of your practice in the previous 12 months?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach details, including any relevant training and assessments undertaken, for the Board to consider your application.

34. Will you be changing your scope of practice since you were last practising?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach details, including any relevant training and assessments undertaken, for the Board to consider your application.

35. Will you be performing exposure-prone procedures in your practice?

Exposure prone procedures (EPPs) are procedures where there is a risk of injury to the healthcare worker resulting in exposure of the patient's open tissues to the blood of the healthcare worker. These procedures include those where the healthcare worker's hands (whether gloved or not) may be in contact with sharp instruments, needle tips or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) inside a patient's open body cavity, wound or confined anatomical space where the hands or fingertips may not be completely visible at all times.

The CDNA has developed guidance on exposure-prone procedures in *Guidance on classification of exposure prone and non-exposure prone procedures in Australia 2017* available online at **https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cda-cdna-bloodborne.htm**

You can seek additional information about whether you perform exposure-prone procedures from your relevant organisation in *Appendix 2* of the national guidelines online at **https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/36D4D796D31081EBCA257BF0001DE6B7/$File/nat-guidelines-work-bbv-Oct2019.pdf**.

YES ☐ ***Go to the next question*** NO ☐ ***Go to question 37***

36. Do you commit to comply with the *Australian National Guidelines for the management of healthcare workers living with blood borne viruses and healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures at risk of exposure to blood borne viruses*?

This includes testing for HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B at least once every three years. Testing for Hepatitis B is not necessary if you have demonstrated immunity to HBV through vaccination or resolved infection.

YES ☐ NO ☐

37. Do you have an impairment that detrimentally affects, or is likely to detrimentally affect, your capacity to practise the profession?

For more information, see *Impairment* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any impairments and how they are managed.

38. Is your registration in any profession currently suspended or cancelled in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any registration suspension or cancellation.

39. Have you previously had your registration cancelled, refused or suspended in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any cancellation, refusal or suspension.

40. Has your registration ever been subject to conditions, undertakings or limitations in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any conditions, undertakings or limitations.

41. Are you disqualified from applying for registration, or being registered, in any profession in Australia (under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act or a law of a co-regulatory jurisdiction), or overseas?

Co-regulatory jurisdiction means a participating jurisdiction (of the National Law) in which the Act applying (the National Law) declares that the jurisdiction is not participating in the health, performance and conduct process provided by Divisions 3 to 12 of Part 8 (of the National Law).

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any disqualifications.

42. Have you been, or are you currently, the subject of conduct, performance or health proceedings whilst registered under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act, or the law of another jurisdiction in Australia or overseas, where those proceedings were not finalised?

YES ☐ NO ☐

You **must** attach to this application details of any conduct, performance or health proceedings.

PART B – To be completed and signed by the applicant and agent

SECTION J: Third party to act on behalf of applicant

Under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth), the Board is generally not permitted to disclose personal information about an applicant to a third party. An applicant may authorise a third party (agent) to communicate with the Board and/or act on behalf of the applicant, by completing the following details.

43. Do you wish to appoint an agent to communicate/act on your behalf in relation to this application?

An agent can be an employer, sponsor, recruitment agent or any other individual authorised by the applicant to act on their behalf in relation to this application.

YES ☒ ▶ ***Complete applicant authorisation and arrange for agent to complete agent authorisation***

NO ☒

Applicant authorisation

I authorise my agent to (mark one or more as required):

☒ communicate with the Board on my behalf regarding the processing and progress of my application. (The agent and the Board may communicate by telephone, fax, email or written correspondence)

☒ undertake any other action reasonably necessary for the processing of my application on my behalf (except signing and lodging applications forms, which must be completed by the applicant), and

☒ receive all formal correspondence from the Board in relation to this application.

Date D D / M M / Y Y Y Y

Signature of applicant SIGN HERE

Agent authorisation

AGENT TO COMPLETE: I consent to act as agent of the registrant named below.

Full name of agent

Full name of applicant

Agent contact details

Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

City/Suburb/Town

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/International province

Postcode/ZIP

Country

Business hours

Mobile

Email

Date D D / M M / Y Y Y Y

Signature of agent SIGN HERE

PART C – To be completed by the applicant

SECTION K: Obligations and consent

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. For more information, see the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Obligations of registered health practitioners

The National Law pt 7 div 11 sub-div 3 establishes the legislative obligations of registered health practitioners. A contravention of these obligations, as detailed at points 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 8 below does not constitute an offence but may constitute behaviour for which health, conduct or performance action may be taken by the Board. Registered health practitioners are also obligated to meet the requirements of their Board as established in registration standards, codes and guidelines.

Continuing professional development

1. A registered health practitioner must undertake the continuing professional development required by an approved registration standard for the health profession in which the practitioner is registered.

Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

2. A registered health practitioner must not practise the health profession in which the practitioner is registered unless appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
3. A National Board may, at any time by written notice, require a registered health practitioner registered by the Board to give the Board evidence of the appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements that are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
4. A registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a written notice given to the practitioner under point 3 above.

Notice of certain events

5. A registered health practitioner must, within 7 days after becoming aware that a relevant event has occurred in relation to the practitioner, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the event. *Relevant event* means—
   a) the practitioner is charged, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, with an offence punishable by 12 months imprisonment or more; or
   b) the practitioner is convicted of or the subject of a finding of guilt for an offence, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, punishable by imprisonment; or
   c) appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are no longer in place in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession; or
   d) the practitioner's right to practise at a hospital or another facility at which health services are provided is withdrawn or restricted because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
   e) the practitioner's billing privileges are withdrawn or restricted under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth) because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
   f) the practitioner's authority under a law of a State or Territory to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use a scheduled medicine or class of scheduled medicines is cancelled or restricted; or
   g) a complaint is made about the practitioner to the following entities—
      (i) the chief executive officer under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth);
      (ii) an entity performing functions under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth);
      (iii) the Secretary within the meaning of the *National Health Act 1953* (Cth);
      (iv) the Secretary to the Department in which the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) is administered;
      (v) another Commonwealth, State or Territory entity having functions relating to professional services provided by health practitioners or the regulation of health practitioners.
   h) the practitioner's registration under the law of another country that provides for the registration of health practitioners is suspended or cancelled or made subject to a condition or another restriction.

Change in principal place of practice, address or name

6. A registered health practitioner must, within 30 days of any of the following changes happening, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the change and any evidence providing proof of the change required by the Board—
   a) a change in the practitioner's principal place of practice;
   b) a change in the address provided by the registered health practitioner as the address the Board should use in corresponding with the practitioner;
   c) a change in the practitioner's name.

Employer's details

7. A National Board may, at any time by written notice given to a health practitioner registered by the Board, ask the practitioner to give the Board the following information—
   a) information about whether the practitioner is employed by another entity;
   b) if the practitioner is employed by another entity—
      (i) the name of the practitioner's employer; and
      (ii) the address and other contact details of the practitioner's employer.
8. The registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice.

Consent to nationally coordinated criminal history check

I authorise Ahpra and the Board to carry out a nationally coordinated criminal history check for the purpose of assessing this application.

I acknowledge that:

- a complete criminal history, including resolved and unresolved charges, spent convictions, and findings of guilt for which no conviction was recorded, will be released to Ahpra and the Board,
- my personal information will be extracted from this form and provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and Australian police agencies for the purpose of conducting a nationally coordinated criminal history check, including all names under which I am or have been known
- my personal information may be used by police for general law enforcement purposes, including those purposes set out in the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (Cth)*,
- my identity information provided with this application will be enrolled with Ahpra to allow for any subsequent criminal history checks during my period of registration
- if and when this application for registration is granted, Ahpra may check my criminal history at any time during my period of registration as required by the Board for the purpose of assessing my suitability to hold health practitioner registration; or in response to a Notice of Certain Events; or an application for Removal of Reprimand from the National Register,
- I may dispute the result of the nationally coordinated criminal history check by contacting Ahpra in the first instance.

Consent

If I provide the Board details of an English language test I have completed, I authorise the Board to use the information I provide to verify those results with the test provider. I understand the test provider may be overseas.

I consent to:

- the Board and Ahpra making enquiries of, and exchanging information with, the authorities of any Australian state or territory, or other country, regarding my practice as a health practitioner or otherwise regarding matters relevant to this application.
- (if relevant) any registration currently held by me that is not compatible with the registration type I am applying for, to be surrendered when the registration type I am applying for is granted.

I acknowledge that:

- the Board may validate documents provided in support of this application as evidence of my identity
- failure to complete all relevant sections of this application and to enclose all supporting documentation may result in this application not being accepted
- notices required under the National Law and other correspondence relating to my application and registration (if granted) will be sent electronically to me via my nominated email address, and
- Ahpra uses overseas cloud service providers to hold, process and maintain personal information where this is reasonably necessary to enable Ahpra to perform its functions under the National Law. These providers include Salesforce, whose operations are located in Japan and the United States of America.

I undertake to comply with all relevant legislation and Board registration standards, codes and guidelines.

I understand that personal information that I provide may be given to a third party for regulatory purposes, as authorised or required by the National Law.

I understand Ahpra may:

- disclose the date my registration is to commence and future registration details; and
- verify the accuracy of my registration details including my date of birth and address to entities (such as prospective employers) who disclose that information to Ahpra for the purpose of confirming my identity.

Ahpra will only do this where the entity seeking the information or verification has given a legal undertaking they have obtained my consent to these disclosures and this verification.

I confirm that I have:

- met the English language skills pathway requirements indicated on this form, and
- read the privacy and confidentiality statement for this form.

I declare that:

- the above statements, and the documents provided in support of this application, are true and correct, and
- I am the person named in this application and in the documents provided.

I make this declaration in the knowledge that a false statement is grounds for the Board to refuse registration.

Signature of applicant

SIGN HERE

Name of applicant

Date

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SECTION L: Payment

You are required to pay **both** an application fee and a registration fee.

Your required payment is detailed below

Use the table below to select your application fee and registration fee. Your registration fee depends on your principal place of practice, as applicants whose principal place of practice is New South Wales are entitled to a rebate from the NSW Government.

Application fee:		Registration fee:		Amount payable:
$811	+	**$** INSERT FEE	=	**$** INSERT FEE
		Registration fee **$811**		Applicants **must** pay 100% of the stated fees at the time of submitting the application.
		Registration fee for NSW registrants **$704**		

Registration period
The annual registration period for the medical profession is from **1 October to 30 September**.
If your application is made between **1 August and 30 September this year**, you will be registered until 30 September **next year**.

Refund rules
The application fee is non-refundable. The registration fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.

44. How are you paying your fees?

Payment by cheque, money order or bank draft must be in Australian currency, drawn on an Australian bank.

A receipt will be provided.

Mark one box below only

- ☐ Visa or MasterCard
  Complete credit/debit card payment slip below
- ☐ Cash/EFTPOS
  (only available if paying in person)
- ☐ Cheque/Money order/Bank draft

You **must** attach your cheque, money order or bank draft **payable to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency**.

On the back of the cheque, money order or bank draft, you **must** write your:
- full name
- date of birth, and
- Ahpra registration number (if you have one).

Credit/Debit card payment slip – please fill out

Amount payable
$

Visa or MasterCard number

Expiry date
M M / Y Y

Name on card

Cardholder's signature
SIGN HERE

SECTION M: Checklist

Have the following items been attached or arranged, if required?

Additional documentation		Attached
Question 1	Evidence of a change of name	☐
Question 4	A certified copy of your foreign passport	☐
Question 5	Certified copies of all documents that provide sufficient evidence of your identity	☐
Question 10	Certified copies of **all** of your relevant academic qualifications	☐
Question 10	A separate sheet with additional qualifications	☐
Question 11	Evidence of completion of your internship or comparable	☐
Question 12	Evidence of completion of your internship or comparable	☐
Question 16	Certificate of Registration Status or Certificate of Good Standing has been requested from relevant authority	☐
Question 16	A separate sheet with registration details	☐
Question 17	Your curriculum vitae	☐
Questions 19 & 21	A signed and dated written statement with details of any change to your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances	☐
Questions 20 & 22	A separate sheet of additional overseas countries with criminal history and corresponding ICHC reference number	☐
Questions 20 & 22	A signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in each of the countries listed and an explanation of the circumstances	☐
Questions 20, 22 & 23	ICHC reference page provided by the approved vendor	☐
Question 23	A separate sheet of additional overseas countries lived in and corresponding ICHC reference number	☐
Question 25	A separate sheet with any additional qualification details	☐
Question 25	Transcript(s)/letter(s) from the education provider confirming that your course was taught and assessed solely in English	☐
Question 27	Copy of your English language test results	☐
Question 28	Certified copy of your English language test results	☐
Question 28	Evidence of continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country where English was the primary language of practice and/or continuous enrolment in an approved program of study	☐
Question 31	Details of the supervised training position you propose to take up	☐
Question 32	Evidence of having completed the equivalent of one year's CPD activities relevant to your intended scope of practice	☐
Question 32	A plan for professional development and for re-entry to practice	☐
Questions 33 & 34	Details of the training and assessments	☐
Question 37	A separate sheet with your impairment details	☐
Question 38	A separate sheet with your current suspension or cancellation details	☐
Question 39	A separate sheet with your cancellation, refusal or suspension details	☐
Question 40	A separate sheet with your conditions, undertakings or limitations details	☐
Question 41	A separate sheet with your disqualification details	☐
Question 42	A separate sheet with your conduct, performance or health proceedings	☐
Payment		
	Application fee	☐
	Registration fee	☐
	If paying by cheque/money order/bank draft, your name is written on the back	☐

Please post this form with payment and required attachments to:

Ahpra
GPO Box 9958
IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY *(refer below)*

You may contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495 or you can lodge an enquiry at **www.ahpra.gov.au**

Sydney NSW 2001	Canberra ACT 2601	Melbourne VIC 3001	Brisbane QLD 4001
Adelaide SA 5001	Perth WA 6001	Hobart TAS 7001	Darwin NT 0801

Information and definitions

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS LIVING WITH BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS WHO PERFORM EXPOSURE PRONE PROCEDURES AT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES

The Communicable Diseases Network Australia (CDNA) has published these guidelines. The following is a summary of the requirements in the CDNA guidelines:

Healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures (EPPs) must take reasonable steps to know their blood-borne virus (BBV) status and should be tested for BBVs at least once every three years. They are also expected to:

- have appropriate and timely testing and follow up care after a potential occupational exposure associated with a risk of BBV acquisition
- have appropriate testing and follow up care after potential non-occupational exposure, with testing frequency related to risk factors for virus acquisition
- cease performing all EPPs if diagnosed with a BBV until the criteria in the guidelines are met, and
- confirm that they comply with these guidelines when applying for renewal of registration if requested by their board.

Practitioners who are living with a blood-borne virus and who perform exposure-prone procedures have additional requirements. They are expected to:

- be under the ongoing care of a treating doctor with relevant expertise
- comply with prescribed treatment
- have ongoing viral load monitoring at the appointed times
- not perform EPPs if particular viral load or viral clearance criteria are not met (see detailed information in the guidelines according to the specific BBV)
- seek advice regarding any change in health condition that may affect their fitness to practise or impair their health
- release monitoring information to the treating doctor
- if required, release de-identified information to the relevant area of the jurisdictional health department/Expert Advisory Committee, and
- if required, release health monitoring information to a designated person in their workplace in the event of a potential exposure incident to assess the requirement for further public health action.

Additional information can be found in the CDNA *Australian National Guidelines for the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Blood Borne Viruses Who Perform Exposure Prone Procedures at Risk of Exposure to Blood Borne Viruses* available online at **https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/36D4D796D31081EBCA257BF0001DE6B7/$File/nat-guidelines-work-bbv-Oct2019.pdf**

CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

DO NOT send original documents unless specified.

Copies of documents provided in support of an application, or other purpose required by the National Law, must be certified as true copies of the original documents. Each and every certified document **must**:

- be in English. If original documents are not in English, you must provide a certified copy of the original document and translation in accordance with Ahpra guidelines, which are available at **www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process**
- be initialled on every page by the authorised officer. For a list of people authorised to certify documents, visit **www.ahpra.gov.au/certify**
- be annotated on the last page as appropriate e.g. 'I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original' and signed by the authorised officer, and
- list the name, date of certification, and contact phone number, and position number (if relevant) and have the stamp or seal of the authorised officer (if relevant) applied.

Certified copies will only be accepted in hard copy by mail or in person (not by fax, email, etc). Photocopies of previously certified documents will not be accepted. For more information, Ahpra's guidelines for certifying documents can be found online at **www.ahpra.gov.au/certify**

CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or any of the documentation you are providing in support of your application is in another name(s).

Evidence must be a certified copy of one of the following documents:

- Standard marriage certificate (ceremonial certificates will not be accepted).
- Deed poll.
- Change of name certificate.

Faxed, scanned or emailed copies of certified documents will not be accepted.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

You must participate regularly in continuing professional development (CPD) relevant to your scope of practice.

CPD must include a range of activities to meet your individual learning needs, including practice-based reflective elements, such as clinical audit, peer-review or performance appraisal, as well as participation in activities to enhance knowledge such as courses, conferences and online learning. CPD programs of medical colleges accredited by the Australian Medical Council meet these requirements. Refer to the Board's *Continuing professional development registration standard* for details of the requirements which relate to your situation. For more information, view the full registration standard online at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards**

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Criminal history includes the following, whether in Australia or overseas, at any time:

- every conviction of a person for an offence
- every plea of guilty or finding of guilt by a court of the person for an offence, whether or not a conviction is recorded for the offence, and
- every charge made against the person for an offence.

Under the National Law, spent convictions legislation does not apply to criminal history disclosure requirements. Therefore, you must disclose your complete criminal history as detailed above, irrespective of the time that has lapsed since the charge was laid or the finding of guilt was made.

The Board will decide whether a health practitioner's criminal history is relevant to the practice of the profession.

You are not required to obtain or provide your Australian criminal history report, Ahpra will obtain this check on your behalf. You may be required to obtain international criminal history reports.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards**

CURRICULUM VITAE

Your curriculum vitae must:

- explain any period since obtaining your professional qualifications where you have not practised and reasons why (e.g. undertaking study, travel, family commitment)
- be in chronological order
- be signed and dated with a statement, 'This curriculum vitae is true and correct as at (insert date)', and
- be the original signed curriculum vitae (no faxes or scanned copies will be accepted).

It must also contain all the elements defined in Ahpra's standard format for curriculum vitae which can be found at **www.ahpra.gov.au/cv**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

To be eligible for registration you **must** be able to provide evidence of English language skills that meet the Board's *English language skills registration standard* which can be found at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards**

IMPAIRMENT

Impairment means a physical or mental impairment, disability, condition, or disorder (including substance abuse or dependence) that **detrimentally affects or is likely to detrimentally affect your capacity to practise the profession.** The National Law requires you to declare any such impairments at the time of renewal, including details of the impairment and how it is managed.

PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which you use your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in your profession. Practice is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge in a direct non-clinical relationship with clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of services in the profession.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE (PII)

You must have PII, or some alternative form of indemnity cover that complies with the Board's standard, for all aspects of your medical practice. Initial registration and annual renewal of registration requires a declaration that you will be covered for all aspects of practice for the whole period of the registration. You may be covered by your Australian employer's PII - you will need to confirm this with your employer. Medical practitioners are exempt from requiring PII, where the scope of medical practice of an individual medical practitioner does not include the provision of health care or medical opinion in respect of the physical or mental health of any person or where a medical practitioner has statutory exemption from liability or where a medical practitioner is practising exclusively overseas.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards**

RECENCY OF PRACTICE

To ensure that you can practise competently and safely, you must have recent practice in the field in which you intend to work during the period of registration for which you are applying.

To meet the standard, you must have practised within your scope of practice for a minimum total of:

- four weeks full-time equivalent in one year, which is a total of 152 hours, or
- 12 weeks full-time equivalent over three consecutive years, which is a total of 456 hours.

If you have been absent from practice, the specific requirements depend on the field of practice, your level of experience and the length of absence from the field.

If you propose to change your field of practice, the Board will consider whether your peers would view the change as a normal extension or variation in a field of practice, or a change that would require specific training and demonstration of competence.

Practitioners who are unable to meet the Board's registration standard for recency of practice may be required to complete professional development activities, submit a plan for re-entry to practice or other training or assessments.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at **www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards**