

## Authority

This registration standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 27 April 2012 pursuant to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (the National Law) as in force in each state and territory with approval taking effect from 18 June 2012.

## Summary

Section 69 of the National Law (limited registration for teaching and research) allows the Board to register physiotherapists who are suitably qualified to fill teaching or research positions. The registration standard sets out the requirements under section 69 of the National Law for the Board to register physiotherapists with overseas qualifications who are not qualified for general registration in Australia. The registration will be limited in scope, location and time to the teaching or research practice required specifically for that position.

## Scope of application

This registration standard applies to individuals applying for limited registration for teaching or research, under section 69 of the National Law, or for renewal of limited registration for teaching or research, under section 107 of the National Law.

## Requirements

Applicants must comply with the requirements of section 65 of the National Law which includes meeting the Board's registration standards on English language skills, professional indemnity insurance, criminal history, recency of practice and continuing professional development. These registration standards are available on the Board's website at [www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au) under *Registration standards*.

The Board will grant limited registration for teaching or research for no more than 12 months. The applicant will be registered to practise only within the date(s), location(s) and scope/area of practice specified for the position.

The Board will consider each application individually to determine whether practice will be allowed, in accordance with the Board's supervision guidelines (available at [www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au) under *Codes and guidelines*).

Applicants must submit details of the position offered including date(s), location(s) and scope/area of practice.

The Board may require further information.

## Non-compliance with registration standards

Engaging in practice beyond the scope of practice permitted by the registration standards may amount to *unprofessional conduct* or *professional misconduct* under Part 8 of the National Law. Should a breach of the registration standards occur (such as an individual continues to practise after the expiration of the teaching or research position), the Board may commence action under Part 8 of the National Law to place conditions on the limited registrant's registration that they are not able to practise as a health practitioner as the requirements for limited registration have not been met (being 'relevant action' within the meaning of section 178 of the National Law). A breach of any of the requirements of this registration standard or any of the Board's registration standards may also satisfy the requirements of immediate action under section 156 of the National Law.

## Purpose of registration and notation on the register of physiotherapists

Physiotherapists granted limited registration for teaching or research should note that the registration is granted for the particular purpose, which is the teaching or research employment position in accordance with the position description. A physiotherapist registered under this category of limited registration will not be eligible to undertake private practice. The terms of the limited registration for teaching or research will be notated on the register of physiotherapists and any practice outside those terms **is not permitted**.

The type of notation that will appear on the public register will be for example:

*Limited registration for teaching or research is granted under section 69 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act to <date> for the purpose of <description of teaching position and/or research role and supervision arrangements> at <location(s)>. Private practice and any other practice outside these parameters is **not permitted**.*

In addition to the requirements of this registration standard the Board may grant limited registration for teaching and research, in accordance with section 83 of the National Law subject to any conditions the Board considers necessary or desirable in the circumstances.

## Independent practitioners

Individuals intending to teach or conduct research independently - for example, to provide a short course - may be eligible for this category of limited registration. In this instance, applicants will themselves need to satisfy the Board that their qualifications are relevant to and suitable for the activity proposed. The Board will require details of the proposed activity including date(s), location(s) and scope of practice.

## Renewal

Limited registration, as set out by section 72 of the National Law, must be renewed annually and can be renewed a maximum of three (3) times. After this time, a new application for limited registration may be made and will need to meet the requirements of this registration standard and any other registration requirements as set by the Board at that time, which may include adhering to the Board's supervision guidelines.

Renewal of limited registration for teaching or research will be subject to the physiotherapist meeting the following requirements:

1. completion of an annual renewal form in accordance with section 107 of the National Law, including an annual statement in accordance with section 109
2. demonstrated compliance with any conditions or requirements on registration, which may include compliance with the Board's supervision guideline ([www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au)), and
3. a progress report of research undertaken and/or teaching activities undertaken in the previous registration period.

## Definitions

**National Law** means the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

**Supervision** means the monitoring of and reporting on the performance of a physiotherapist by a physiotherapist with general registration in accordance with the Board's *Supervision guidelines for physiotherapy*.

## References

*Supervision guidelines for physiotherapy*, Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

## Review

Date of issue: 18 June 2012

Date of review: This standard will be reviewed at least every three years

Last reviewed: