

Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria

Health Professions Registration Act 2005

General Registration – Section 6(1)

1.0 Introduction

The Board has power under section 6(1) of the Act to grant general registration to eligible Australian and New Zealand medical school graduates and to eligible Australian Medical Council examination graduates.

General registration will enable you to practise independently in Victoria within the limits of your training and competence. Unless the Board imposes conditions on your general registration, you are legally permitted to practise without ongoing supervision.

You will find full particulars of the Board's policy "General Registration" at www.medicalboardvic.org.au.

Note: *If you have general registration (or equivalent) current in another State or Territory of Australia, you may be eligible to apply for General Registration in Victoria by way of the mutual recognition process – see www.medicalboardvic.org.au for details.*

2.0 Eligibility for General Registration

2.1 General Eligibility

You are eligible to apply to the Board for General Registration in Victoria if:

- (a) you are a graduate of an Australian or New Zealand University medical school and you have completed an internship in Australia or New Zealand, or
- (b) you are a graduate of an Australian University medical school and you have completed an internship outside Australia or New Zealand that the Board deems to be substantially equivalent to an internship completed in Australia or New Zealand, or
- (c) you are a graduate of Australian Medical Council exams and you have completed 12 months of broad based supervised training in Australia, which has included rotations of at least 10 weeks in medicine, 10 weeks in surgery and 8 weeks in emergency medicine, or
- (d) you are a graduate of Australian Medical Council exams, you have completed 12 months supervised training in Australia and you are able to demonstrate broad competence to at least the level of an Australian intern at the end of the first year.

2.2 Conditions

Where the Board is not satisfied that you have completed a period of supervised training that qualifies you for General Registration, the Board may require you to complete specific further experience or it may impose a condition on your General Registration that you are restricted to practising in a particular branch of medicine.

3.0 Prerequisites for Registration

3.1 Australian/New Zealand Graduates – Initial General Registration Application

If you are an Australian/New Zealand graduate applying for General Registration in Victoria for the first time, you must provide evidence that:

- (a) you have a degree in medicine, and
- (b) you have completed your internship, and
- (c) you are in good standing with the medical registration authority with which you are currently/were last registered*

Note: *You are not required to provide information marked with * if you hold Provisional Registration to undertake an internship in Victoria at the time of applying for General Registration.*

If you are a graduate of an Australian university medical school and you have not completed an internship in Australia, you will need to establish that the period of internship you have completed overseas is substantially equivalent to an internship completed within Australia by providing the following additional documentation:

- (a) evidence that confirms your overseas medical experience, including rotations completed during internship, and
- (b) documented support for your application for general registration, issued by a medical practitioner able to comment on your work and its relevance to independent medical practice in Australia.

3.2 Australian/New Zealand Graduates – Previous Holders of General Registration in Victoria

If you have held General Registration previously in Victoria, you must provide the following:

- (a) A certificate of good standing/ certificate of registration status issued by the medical registration authority with which you are/were most recently registered, or
- (b) Where you have not practised medicine since last registered in Victoria, a statutory declaration stating the reasons for your absence from practice.

3.3 Australian Medical Council Exam Graduates.

If you are an Australian Medical Council examination graduate applying for General Registration in Victoria, you must provide evidence that:

- (a) you have a degree in medicine*, and
- (b) you have completed an internship (or equivalent) outside Australia*, and
- (c) you are in good standing with the medical registration authority with which you are currently/were last registered**, and
- (d) you meet the requirements of the Board policy “National English Language Proficiency Requirement for IMGs”*, and
- (e) you have obtained, or have sought, primary source verification of your primary degree in medicine through the Educational Committee for Foreign Medical Graduates International Credentials Service (EICS)* and
- (f) you have a Certificate of completion of Australian Medical Council examinations, and
- (g) you have completed 12 months of supervised training in Australia that meets the Board’s “General Registration” policy requirements, and
- (h) your application is supported by a medical practitioner able to confirm your suitability for general registration, given the eligibility requirements set out in the Board’s policy “General Registration”.

Note:

1. *You must provide information marked with * only where you have not held registration previously in Victoria.*
2. *You must provide information marked with ** only where you have not been registered previously in Victoria or where you have practised medicine since registered last in Victoria.*

4.0 Conditions on Registration

Your general registration in Victoria is subject to any conditions that may be imposed by the Board.

4.1 Duration

Your general registration takes effect from the date recorded on your certificate of registration and remains in force until 30 September next following.

4.2 Renewal of Registration

The general registration cycle runs from 1 October to 30 September each year. You will be notified of the requirements for renewal of your general registration by notice sent by mail to your address on the Register in early August each year that you are registered in Victoria.

4.3 Insurance

You must provide evidence to the Board with your application for general registration that, at the time of commencing practice, you will be covered by professional indemnity insurance that meets the minimum terms and conditions set by the Board policy “Professional Indemnity Insurance”.

5.0 Applying for General Registration

5.1 Lodging an Application

Your application must be completed in full and all mandatory additional documentation must be received before your application will be considered by the Board.

Where you are applying for general registration for the first time, your application and supporting documentation must be submitted as originals.

Where you have been registered previously in Victoria with general registration, you may lodge your application and supporting documentation initially by fax but you must also provide the Board with your application and supporting mandatory documentation as originals.

5.2 Notification of Receipt of the Application

You will be notified by email of the receipt of your application and, where appropriate, the date of the Board meeting at which your application will be considered. You will be notified by mail if you do not provide an email contact address.

5.3 Determination of your Application

You will be notified by email within 24 hours of the Board's determination. You will be notified by mail if you do not provide an email contact address.

If you have not been registered previously in Victoria and your application is approved, you will be advised of the steps you must take to become registered.

6.0 Becoming Registered

6.1 Initial Registration in Victoria

If your application for general registration is granted, you will be registered only after you attend the Board's offices by appointment and provide personally to Board staff the information specified in the notice of approval.

A key step in this process involves verification of your identity in accordance with the requirements of the Board policy "National Identification Validation Standard for Medical Registration Applicants" –see www.medicalboardvic.org.au for details

Note that the Certificate of Good Standing/Certificate of Registration Status submitted with your application is current for 3 months from the date of issue. If you attend the Board's offices to complete registration formalities outside this timeframe, you will be required to provide a Certificate that is current before you can be registered. The notice of approval will advise you of your certificate's expiry date.

When you present the documentation required, your name will be entered on the Register of Medical Practitioners and you will receive a certificate of registration specifying the terms of your registration.

6.2 Registered Previously in Victoria

Where the Board approves your application for general registration, you will be sent by post a certificate of registration specifying the terms of your registration.

6.3 Practising without Registration

It is an offence under the Act to practise medicine when not registered.

7.0 Costs

You are responsible for any costs incurred in applying for general registration.

8.0 Contact Details

Registration Department
Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria
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