

# I'm an international applicant wanting to apply for registration in Australia

Use this flowchart as a general guide of what you need to do when applying for registration.

Please read the information below carefully, as applying for registration has different steps depending on your circumstances, qualifications, and profession.

## Check when your qualification/s will be assessed:

Before you apply for registration. or After you apply for registration.

To see which pathway applies to your profession/s, check the [Qualifications assessment table](#)

## Know which form to use:

Nurses and midwives: Complete the [online self-check](#) to have your qualification/s assessed.

or

Paramedics: Download a PDF form to lodge your qualification portfolio, then apply online for registration.

or

All other professions: Download a PDF form to apply for registration.

## Prepare your application:

Answer all questions on the application form.

Provide **certified** and, if not in English, **translated** copies of documents to support your application for registration.

See the [Checklist for international applicants](#) for what to include.

## Apply for international criminal history check:

You must submit an [international criminal history check](#) to an Ahpra-approved supplier.

Apply at the same time as you submit your registration application so the results are valid when we assess your application.

and

## Submit and pay for your application:

If applying online, click to submit application.

or

If using a PDF form, scan and upload the application form and supporting documents, using Ahpra's [online upload portal](#).

## The National Board and Ahpra assess your application.

### Assessment outcome:

#### Your qualifications are eligible and you meet all the registration standards:

You are yet to meet the [identity requirements](#) in Australia:

You have in-principle approval for registration.

or

You have met the identity requirements in Australia:

**You are now approved for registration.**

or

### Assessment outcome:

#### You aren't eligible or don't meet all the registration standards:

The Board may propose to grant registration with conditions or refuse your application. You will have the opportunity to respond before a final decision is made.

### Present in person

Once in Australia, you will be required to 'present in person' to prove your identity. This can be with your employer or via video conference with Ahpra staff.

**You are now approved for registration.**

## Qualifications assessment pathways by profession

Profession	Pathway	Where to find more information
<b>Chinese medicine</b>	Qualification/s assessed as part of your registration application after you apply for registration. You'll need to complete a form available on the Chinese Medicine Board website.	<a href="#">Overseas qualified Chinese medicine practitioners</a> page on the Chinese Medicine Board website
<b>Chiropractic</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australia before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Overseas trained practitioners</a> page on the Chiropractic Board website <a href="#">Council on Chiropractic Education Australia</a> website
<b>Dental</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Australian Dental Council before you apply for registration Specialist qualifications assessed as part of your registration application	<a href="#">Overseas qualified practitioners</a> page on the Dental Board website <a href="#">Australian Dental Council</a> website
<b>Medicine</b>	Medicine has four assessment pathways; all require qualification/s assessment before you apply for registration. Specialist qualifications assessed by an approved specialist medical college.	<a href="#">International medical graduates (IMGs)</a> page on the Medical Board website. IMGs must also apply for <a href="#">primary source verification</a> of qualifications.
<b>Medical radiation practice</b>	Qualification/s assessed as part of your registration application after you apply for registration. You'll need to complete a form available on the Medical Radiation Practice Board website	<a href="#">Overseas qualified practitioners</a> page on the Medical Radiation Practice Board website
<b>Nursing and midwifery</b>	Qualification/s assessed by Ahpra before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Internationally qualified nurses and midwives</a> page on the NMBA website You'll need to do the <a href="#">Self-check</a> and have your qualification assessed
<b>Occupational therapy</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Occupational Therapy Council before you apply for registration	'Overseas qualified practitioners' section of the <a href="#">Registration</a> page on the Occupational Therapy Board website <a href="#">Occupational Therapy Council</a> website
<b>Optometry</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Overseas Practitioners</a> page on the Optometry Board website <a href="#">Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand</a> website
<b>Osteopathy</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Overseas Qualified Osteopaths</a> page on the Osteopathy Board website <a href="#">Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council</a> website
<b>Paramedicine</b>	Qualification/s assessed by Ahpra before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Assessment of overseas qualifications</a> on the Paramedicine Board website.
<b>Pharmacy</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Australian Pharmacy Council before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Overseas Practitioner Registration</a> page on the Pharmacy Board website <a href="#">Australian Pharmacy Council</a> website
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	Qualification/s assessed by the Australian Physiotherapy Council before you apply for registration	<a href="#">Overseas Practitioner Registration</a> page on the Physiotherapy Board website <a href="#">Australian Physiotherapy Council</a> website
<b>Podiatry</b>	Qualification/s assessed as part of your registration application after you apply for registration. You'll need to complete a form available on the Podiatry Board website.	<a href="#">Overseas trained podiatrists and podiatric surgeons</a> page on the Podiatry Board website
<b>Psychology</b>	Qualification/s assessed as part of your registration application after you apply for registration. You'll need to complete a form available on the Psychology Board website.	<a href="#">Overseas applicants</a> page on the Psychology website

# Checklist for international applicants

## Documents correctly certified and in English

- Have you provided **correct translations** of any documents that are not in English (if applicable)?
- Are your documents **correctly certified**?

## Proof of identity

- Have you provided certified **identity documents** that meet the proof of identity requirements?
- Have you provided evidence to support any **previous names** you have been known by (if applicable)?

## Qualifications

- Have you provided a certified copy of your **primary qualification** that leads to registration in your profession?  
*Please see [Qualifications assessment table](#) for information on when and how to get your qualifications assessed.*
- Have you provided a certified copy of your **academic transcript** (if applicable)?

## Suitability for registration

- Have you provided evidence of meeting one of the **English language skills competency pathways**?
- Have you provided evidence to support any disclosed **criminal history** in Australia or overseas (if applicable)?
- Have you provided evidence to support **any disclosures** you have made about your suitability for registration?
- If you have declared an **impairment** that may affect your ability to practise, have you provided supporting documentation for how you're managing it?

## Work history

- Have you provided a current **Curriculum Vitae** which has been signed by you as being true and correct (if applicable)?
- Have you provided **statement/s of service** confirming employment history (if applicable)?
- Have you requested **Certificates of Good Standing/Registration Status** from the relevant authorities where you have been registered as a health practitioner (if applicable)?