

## ADVISORY NOTICE

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### Applying for non-practising registration

There are some Chinese medicine practitioners who are currently not practising and are not registered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme). They may not be practising because they are studying, or are on maternity or sick leave.

Some of these practitioners intend to practise again at some time in the future. To do this, they must be registered under the National Scheme.

If these practitioners have qualifications that are on the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia's list of approved courses, they will be able to apply for registration at any time before they begin to practise again.

However if their qualifications are not courses which have been assessed and approved by the former Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria, or the Accreditation Committee of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the National Board), they must apply for registration under the grandparenting rules before 30 June 2015.

Please read the National Board Grandparenting Standard. Under these arrangements the practitioner must submit evidence that they have:

1. A degree qualification which is adequate for grandparenting purposes, or
2. An advanced diploma (or combination of studies broadly equivalent) which is adequate for grandparenting purposes.

There is a list of courses already deemed adequate for grandparenting purposes on the National Board's website. Alternatively, they can submit evidence that they have practised for at least five years between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2012 and evidence of competence.

The reason that these practitioners must apply before 30 June 2015 is that the grandparenting provision ends at that time.

Practitioners who are not currently registered must apply for general registration so that they can be assessed as qualified and eligible to be registered. This is a requirement of the National Law. There is an application fee, and a registration fee that they must pay.

If the practitioner intends to continue not to practice, they may request that their general registration be immediately transferred into non-practising registration. The registration fee for this type of registration is much less than the fee for general registration. In recognition of this, AHPRA has simplified its administrative arrangements and will accept payment of the non-practising registration fee from these practitioners at the time of application.

The steps these practitioners need to take are:

- Apply** for general registration before 30 June 2015 (using form AGEN-86) and specifically request that when the registration has been assessed and granted, it be immediately changed to non-practising registration
- Pay** the application fee to enable the application to be assessed
- Pay** the non-practising registration fee
- Note clearly** on the application form that the lower fee is being paid because the practitioner wants their general registration to be immediately changed to non-practising registration

Chinese medicine practitioners with non-practising registration are not permitted to treat, prescribe or refer, regardless of whether they are being remunerated. Practitioners who have been granted non-practising registration do not need to comply with the continuing professional development standard, the professional indemnity insurance standard or the recency of practice standard for the duration of their non-practising registration. These practitioners will continue to receive the Board's publications.

#### **More information**

- Information on application and registration fees can be found on the Board's website at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration/Fees.aspx](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration/Fees.aspx)
- Information on the grandparenting standards can be found at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx)
- The forms to apply for general registration can be found at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx)