

## Important information

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### Important information from the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia about Limited and General registration, with or without conditions

Practitioners are urged to go to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia's (the Board) website ([www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au)) for accurate information and to disregard incorrect information that may be distributed by other parties. The Board has extensive information available on its website on becoming and being a registered Chinese medicine practitioner under the new national regulatory scheme, which came in to effect on 1 July this year. Some of this information is available in both English and Chinese, including the FAQs explaining Limited registration, which has been distributed to Chinese medicine professional associations.

#### Limited registration

Under the National Law, the Board is able to grant limited registration if it considers it to be in the public interest. It is in the public interest in the transition to the new National Regulation and Accreditation Scheme that registrants are able to keep practising under Limited registration while they are assessed by the Board for General registration. Where for example a practitioner meets most criteria for general registration but has a qualification that requires further assessment or the Board requires the supply of additional information, the practitioner will be granted Limited registration pending a decision of the Board as to whether the practitioner is granted general registration. The alternative to Limited registration is for the practitioner to cease all practice until they have supplied all necessary information to AHPRA and their application for General registration decided.

Practitioners who have been granted limited registration for this purpose will receive a letter from AHPRA explaining what is involved.

Unless practitioners advise AHPRA otherwise, the National Board will continue to process and assess their applications as applications for general registration. This may include seeking additional information or evidence from the practitioner. No additional fee will apply.

Once the Board processes, assesses and decides an application, practitioners granted limited registration for this purpose will be advised whether the Board has decided to grant them general registration. Limited registration is in place for this purpose until 30 November 2013. It is unlikely that it will be necessary for the Board to renew any limited registration granted in these circumstances however this option is open should any applications for general registration remain outstanding.

#### General registration with conditions

The National Law permits conditions to be imposed on a practitioner's registration by a National Board when deciding to register a practitioner. Conditions are imposed when a Board decides it is necessary or desirable in the circumstances, and can be attached to any form of registration (including General or Limited).

A practitioner must comply with the conditions on their registration and failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

The Board will advise the practitioner if it proposes to impose conditions, and the reasons for the conditions. The practitioner will have an opportunity to make submissions about the conditions. The Board will then reach a decision on whether or not the conditions should be imposed. If the practitioner does not agree with that decision, they will have an opportunity to lodge an appeal with a local tribunal.

**For the latest and most accurate information**

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