

**PHYSIOTHERAPISTS BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR LIMITED REGISTRATION
AS A PHYSIOTHERAPIST IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

APPENDIX 1: STATEMENT ON CLINICAL SUPERVISION

The following 'Statement on Clinical Supervision' has been developed so that all supervising physiotherapists are aware of their obligations when employing physiotherapists with Limited Registration.

The supervising physiotherapist must sign an 'Letter of Undertaking' with the Physiotherapists Board stating his/her willingness to supervise as outlined in the Board's 'Statement on Clinical Supervision'.

The supervising physiotherapist should note too, that the Board requires advice in writing, within two weeks of commencement of employment of a physiotherapist with Limited Registration of the process of assessment of supervision requirements and of the resulting supervision arrangements.

Clinical supervision is a process that ensures quality of patient care. Appropriate supervision enables a physiotherapist to make the best of his or her skills and improve his or her abilities. The nature and extent of supervision is dependent on the individual physiotherapist's knowledge and experience.

The amount of input required by a supervisor of a physiotherapist with Limited Registration must be determined by the supervisor as the processes to determine eligibility for unconditional registration and therefore achievement of a base level of competence have yet to be undertaken. The supervisor should undertake a period of assessment through strategies such as observation or mock exams and then consult with the individual about the ongoing supervision arrangements required to ensure adequate patient care. The absolute minimum expectation of adequate supervision is a weekly meeting with access to a supervisor's input during working hours with the supervisor in such geographical proximity as to provide such input. A greater level of supervision may well be required due to individual differences in skill level. (Geographical proximity is deemed to be the ability to attend the practice site at no more than half a day's notice, if needed.)

Employing a physiotherapist with Limited Registration as a locum in place of a sole practicing physiotherapist would not allow for the appropriate level of access to supervision.

Supervisors are required to advise the Physiotherapists Board of South Australia in writing, within two weeks of commencement of employment of a physiotherapist with Limited Registration, of the process of assessment and the resulting supervision arrangements.

APPENDIX 2: DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD FOR LIMITED REGISTRATION

The Board requires the following documentation to accompany the application for Limited Registration.

- Evidence of physiotherapy degree qualification
- Current Registration/Licensing in
- ID section of passport
- Work visa or Working Holiday Visa, showing date of first entry into Australia and confirming permission to work in Australia
- Evidence of a comprehensive knowledge and satisfactory level of skill in English must be provided, if the applicant is from a country where English is not the first language (An applicant must meet the AECOP requirements here.)
- Name of hospital/physiotherapy practice/other facility where employment has been offered in South Australia
- Letter from registered physiotherapist confirming employment under their supervision and signed "Letter of Undertaking".

APPENDIX 3: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD FOR CRITERION 1 EVALUATION

Criterion 1 of the ACOPRA 12 Month Limited Registration Model states:

The course content of the physiotherapy qualification should include theoretical and clinical components of cardiorespiratory, musculoskeletal and neurological physiotherapy and of electrotherapy similar in duration to an Australian qualification.

The following information is required in relation to the qualification in physiotherapy gained by the overseas qualified physiotherapist seeking Limited Registration.

The name of the institution which awarded the qualification, the name of the award, the dates of study at the institution and the date of conferment of the qualification.

A notarised copy of the qualification.

Detailed course curriculum including

- a description of each subject studied
- breakdown of hours of theory and practical training in each subject
- outline of the period of supervised clinical practice or internship including dates of each placement, name of the facility and types of conditions treated during each placement (eg: orthopaedic outpatients, cardiorespiratory inpatients, neurological rehabilitation, general medical, etc).

All documentation provided must be in English.