

Authority

This standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 31 March 2010 pursuant to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (2009)* (the National Law) with approval taking effect from 1 July 2010.

Summary

Practitioners who have not practised dentistry within five years need to satisfy the recency of practice requirements outlined in this standard. Every case will be decided on an individual basis; the requirements set out in this standard will form the basis of considerations.

Scope of application

This standard applies to all applicants and all registered practitioners. It does not apply to students. These requirements affect those applying for initial registration, renewal of registration, or when changing the type of registration from nonpractising to practising, specialist to general registration or between divisions of the register.

Requirements

1. Practitioners who have not practised dentistry in the previous five years need to satisfy the Board's recency of practice requirements.
2. Applications will be assessed by consideration of the following matters:
 - a) the person's registration and practice history
 - b) the period the person has not been practising
 - c) when the person's primary qualification was awarded
 - d) the activities related to the practice of dentistry the person has undertaken in the last five years
 - e) the person's continuing professional development history
 - f) any additional qualifications obtained during the period the person was not practising.
3. The activities that practitioners may be required to undertake if they have not practised for five years or more will be based on the assessment of the matters outlined above and may include any combination of:
 - a) approved course of study or retraining
 - b) approved mentoring/supervised practice arrangement
 - c) approved assessment or examination

- d) approved CPD activities
- e) condition on practice.

4. Recent graduates who apply for registration within the first year of graduation will not need to meet the recency of practice requirements.

Definitions

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which the individual uses their skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in their profession. For the purposes of this registration standard, practice is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge in a direct nonclinical relationship with clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles, and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of services in the profession.

Recent graduate means a person applying for registration for the first time whose qualification for registration was awarded not more than one year prior to the date of their application.

Recency of practice means that a practitioner has maintained an adequate connection with, and recent practice in, the profession since qualifying or obtaining registration.

References

Dental Board of Australia, Guidelines for Registration Standards — Recency of Practice (to be developed)

Review

This standard will commence on 1 July 2010. The Board will review this standard at least every three years