Authority

This registration standard has been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 20 December 2011 under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

Summary

Sections 52 and 53 of the National Law set out the requirements for eligibility for general registration. Section 53(b) allows the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) to approve qualifications the Board considers to be substantially equivalent, or based on similar competencies, to approved qualifications.

This registration standard provides a pathway to general registration for overseas-qualified dental practitioners who have a qualification from the Board’s published List of approved qualifications from overseas jurisdictions.

These approved qualifications are those which the Board considers to be substantially equivalent to a qualification for general registration under section 53(b) of the National Law, in addition to the applicant meeting all requirements of the overseas jurisdiction before registration (or applicable equivalent) or other requirements set by the Board, for example the successful completion of any examination, assessment, evidence of registration, clinical experience or clinical training, before general registration would be granted in Australia.

Scope of application

This registration standard applies to overseas-qualified dental practitioners who have a qualification from the Board’s published List of approved qualifications from overseas jurisdictions.

Requirements

1. Eligibility for general registration. All requirements for general registration as a dental practitioner under the National Law must be satisfied.

2. An approved qualification from an overseas jurisdiction. A verifiable qualification from the Board’s published List of approved qualifications from overseas jurisdictions which the Board considers to be substantially equivalent to an approved qualification.

3. Successful completion of other requirements. This may include any additional requirements for registration in the relevant overseas jurisdiction in which the approved qualification was obtained, or other requirements as set by the Board, for example examination, assessment, evidence of registration, clinical experience or clinical training.

Definitions

List of approved qualifications from overseas jurisdictions

A list (as amended from time to time after consultation) published on the Board’s website at www.dentalboard.gov.au entitled List of approved qualifications from overseas jurisdictions, including the additional requirements for general registration in Australia.

Review

The Board will review this registration standard every three years.