




## Provision of additional information for recency of practice/return to practice Profession: Dental

Part 7 Division 6 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)

This form is for dental practitioners to provide information about their recency of practice. Recency of practice requirements apply to dental practitioners, whether they are currently registered or not, who have not practised dentistry in the last five years or longer. This form can also be used to provide additional information by those wishing to return to practice after an absence or wishing to provide dental care in a new field of dentistry, change divisions, change from non-practising to practising registration or add an endorsement. It is important that you refer to the Board's registration standards, codes and guidelines when completing the form. Registration standards, codes and guidelines can be found at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au)

 **This application will not be considered unless it is complete and all supporting documentation has been provided.** Supporting documentation **must** be certified in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) guidelines. For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.






### Privacy and confidentiality

The Board and Ahpra are committed to protecting your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The ways the Board and Ahpra may collect, use and disclose your information are set out in the collection statement relevant to this application, available at [www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy).

By signing this form, you confirm that you have read the collection statement. Ahpra's privacy policy explains how you may access and seek correction of your personal information held by Ahpra and the Board, how to complain to


Ahpra about a breach of your privacy and how your complaint will be dealt with. This policy can be accessed at [www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy).

### Symbols in this form

-  **Additional information**  
Provides specific information about a question or section of the form.
-  **Attention**  
Highlights important information about the form.
-  **Attach document(s) to this form**  
Processing cannot occur until all required documents are received.
-  **Signature required**  
Requests appropriate parties to sign the form where indicated.
-  **Mail document(s) directly to Ahpra**  
Requires delivery of documents by an organisation or the applicant.

### Completing this form

- Read and **complete all questions**.
- Ensure that **all pages** and required **attachments** are returned to Ahpra.
- Use a **black** or **blue** pen only.
- Print clearly in **BLOCK LETTERS**
- Place X in **all** applicable boxes:

 Do not use staples or glue, or affix sticky notes to your application. Please ensure all supporting documents are on A4 size paper.

## SECTION A: Application inclusions

1. Which division(s) of the profession are you applying for recency of practice and/or return to practice?

Mark all options applicable to your application

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental hygienist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental prosthetist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral health therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental specialist  |

2. Are you currently registered?

YES  NO

Mark the type of registration you currently hold

- |                                     |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Practising | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-practising |
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## SECTION B: Personal details



The information items in this section of the application marked with an asterisk (\*) will appear on the public register.

### 3. What is your name and date of birth?

**Title\*** MR  MRS  MISS  MS  DR  OTHER

**First given name\***

**Middle name(s)\***

**Family name\***

**Previous names known by** (e.g. maiden name)

**Date of birth**  /  /

If you have ever been formally known by another name, or you are providing documents in another name, you **must** attach proof of your name change unless this has been previously provided to the Board. For more information, see *Change of name* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

## SECTION C: Contact information



Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time. Please go to [www.ahpra.gov.au/login](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/login) to change your contact details using your online account.

If you are submitting an application for general registration at the same time as this Application for recency of practice/return to practice and have already provided the following contact information as part of your application for general registration, you do not need to provide it again here.

### 4. What are your contact details?

Provide your current contact details below – place an  next to your preferred contact phone number.

**Business hours**     **Mobile**

**After hours**

**Email**

### 5. What is your residential address?



If you are not currently practising, or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address:

- your residential address will be recognised as your principal place of practice, and
- the information items marked \* will appear on the public register as your principal place of practice.

Refer to the question below for the definition of principal place of practice.

Residential address **cannot** be a PO Box.

**Site/Building and/or position/department (if applicable)**

**Address** (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

**City/Suburb/Town\***

**State or territory** (e.g. VIC, ACT)/**International province\***  **Postcode/ZIP\***

**Country (if other than Australia)**



**6. Is the address of your principal place of practice the same as your residential address?**

YES

NO  *Provide your Australian principal place of practice below*

**i** Principal place of practice for a registered health practitioner is:

- the address at which you predominantly practise the profession, or
- your principal place of residence, if you are not practising the profession or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address.

Principal place of practice **cannot** be a PO Box.  
The information items marked with an asterisk (\*) will appear on the public register.

**Site/Building and/or position/department (if applicable)**

**Address** (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

**City/Suburb/Town\***

**State/Territory\*** (e.g. VIC, ACT)

**Postcode\***

**7. What is your mailing address?**

- My residential address
- My principal place of practice
- Other (*Provide your mailing address below*)

**Site/Building and/or position/department (if applicable)**

**Address/PO Box** (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

**City/Suburb/Town**

**State or territory** (e.g. VIC, ACT)/**International province**

**Postcode/ZIP**

**Country (if other than Australia)**



# SECTION D: Recency of practice/return to practice

8. Do you wish to change the type of dental care you provide? YES  NO

**i** E.g. from specialist practice to general practice.

**Provide details below**

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

9. What type of practice do you intend to return to?

**i** For more information, see *Practice* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

**Provide details below**

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

10. What type of work environment do you intend to return to?

**i** E.g. solo practitioner, group practice, public dental clinic, public dental hospital, rural, suburban etc.

**Provide details below**

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

11. Have you practised the profession during the past five years? YES  NO

**Provide your reason for submitting this form**

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.




## SECTION E: Work history


 If you are submitting an application for general registration at the **same time** as this *Application for recency of practice/return to practice* and have already provided detailed information about your work history as part of your application for general registration, you still are required to provide a response to the questions in Section E.

If you are dual registered, e.g. dental hygienist and dental therapist, or applying for registration as a dentist and specialist, you must provide details about **both** areas of practice.

**12. Have you already provided your work history information or curriculum vitae (CV) as part of your application for general registration?**

 Your curriculum vitae will further inform the Board in relation to your recency of practice and registration history. For more information, see *Curriculum vitae* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES   **Go to the next question**      NO  

 You **must** attach to your application a curriculum vitae that describes your full practice history and any clinical or procedural skills training undertaken.

**13. What is your full practice history since obtaining your qualification?**

**Most recent position**

Position  Type of practice (e.g. management, education, advisory)

Dates of employment  /  /  /  to  /  /  /  Average hours per week  SPECIFY      Full-time  Part-time

Key responsibilities

**Location details**

Name

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town

State (e.g. VIC, NSW, ACT)  Postcode

Business hours (phone)       Email



**Previous position**

Position  Type of practice (e.g. management, education, advisory)

Dates of employment  /  to  /  Average hours per week  Full-time  Part-time

Key responsibilities

**Location details**

Name

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town

State (e.g. VIC, NSW, ACT)  Postcode

Business hours (phone)    Email

Attach a separate sheet if your work history details do not fit in the space provided.

**14. Since the date you obtained your qualification have there been any breaks or gaps in your practice history, longer than six months, where you were not practising?**

YES  NO

**Provide an explanation for the breaks in your practice history** (e.g. undertaking study, travel, family commitment)

You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

**15. When did you last practise?**

For more information, see *Practice* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

**Date of last practise**

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**16. Was this in Australia?**

YES  NO

**Specify the country(ies) you practised in below**

**17. Did your last practicing position involve direct patient care?**

YES  **Go to question 20** NO  **Go to the next question**



18. What was your last practicing position?

Provide details of the position and type of work you undertook. Please attach a position description if available

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

19. When did you last provide direct patient care?

Date of last provided patient care

DD / MM / YYYY date input fields

20. What was your last practicing position which involved direct patient care?

Provide details of the position, including information on your scope of practice and routine clinical procedures that were undertaken

Form area with horizontal dashed lines for text entry.



You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

21. On average, how many hours of clinical procedures per week did you undertake in your last role or when you last provided direct patient care?

E.g. removal of wisdom teeth, molar endodontics etc.

Provide details below

Form area with horizontal dashed lines for text entry.



You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

22. What procedures did you regularly refer to other practitioners in your last role or when you last provided direct patient care?

Provide details below

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You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.



# SECTION F: Qualifications

**i** If you are submitting an application for general registration at the **same time** as this *Application for recency of practice/return to practice* and have already provided the following detailed information about your qualifications as part of your application for general registration, you do not need to provide it again here.

23. Have you already provided your qualifications information as part of your application for general registration? YES  Go to Section G NO  Go to the next question

24. What are the details of your primary registrable qualification?

**Primary qualification**

Title of qualification

Name of awarding institution (University/College/Examining body)

Date awarded  
 /  /

25. Have you completed any additional study or obtained qualifications relevant to the type of dental health care you plan to provide since you ceased practice? YES  NO

**Additional study and qualifications**

Title of qualification

Name of awarding institution (University/College/Examining body)

Date awarded  
 /  /

You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.

**Additional study and qualifications**

Title of qualification

Name of awarding institution (University/College/Examining body)

Date awarded  
 /  /

You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testimony or certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.

Attach a separate sheet if all your qualification details do not fit in the space provided.





26. Have you undertaken any bridging programs or other courses in preparation for your return to practice?

YES

NO


**Most recent bridging program or course**

Title of course/program

Name of institution (University/College/Organisation)

Location of institution

Start date  /       Completion date  /

 You **must** attach a certified copy of evidence that indicates completion of the program and a course content/outline.


**Additional bridging programs or courses**


Title of course/program

Name of institution (University/College/Organisation)

Location of institution


Start date  /       Completion date  /

 You **must** attach a certified copy of evidence that indicates completion of the program and a course content/outline.

 Attach a separate sheet if all your course details do not fit in the space provided.



## SECTION G: Registration history

 If you are submitting an application for general registration at the **same time** as this *Application for recency of practice/return to practice* and have already provided the following detailed information about your registration history as part of your application for general registration, you do not need to provide it again here.

**27. Have you already provided your registration history as part of your application for general registration?** YES  [Go to Section H](#) NO  [Go to the next question](#)

**28. Have you been registered and practising dentistry in a country other than Australia during the time that you have not been practising in Australia?** YES  NO

 If you have been previously registered outside of Australia, the Board requires a Certificate of Registration Status or Certificate of Good Standing from **every** jurisdiction outside of Australia in which you are currently, or have previously been registered as a health practitioner.

**Provide details of your current or previous registration**


State/Territory/Country

Registering authority

Registration number  Type of practice

Period of registration  /  /  to  /  /

 If you have been previously registered outside of Australia, you **must** arrange for original Certificates of Registration Status or Certificates of Good Standing to be forwarded directly from the registration authority to your Ahpra state office. Refer to [www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/Contact-Us](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/Contact-Us) for your Ahpra state office address.

 You must attach to this application certified evidence of your current or previous registration in dentistry outside of Australia.

**29. Provide details of any previous registration.**

**Previous registration**

State/Territory/Country

Registering authority

Registration number  Type of practice

Period of registration  /  /  to  /  /


**Additional registration**

State/Territory/Country

Registering authority

Registration number  Type of practice

Period of registration  /  /  to  /  /

 Attach a separate sheet if all your registration history does not fit in the space provided.





32. What are the details of the last CPR training course you completed?

**Course details**

Name of course/program/activity

Name of organisation

Location of activity

Date of activity  
 /  /

You **must** attach a certified copy of evidence of successful participation in the course.

**SECTION I: Other activities relating to the practice of dentistry**

33. Have you undertaken any other activities related to the practice of dentistry, or that required dental qualifications, in the past five years?

YES  NO

E.g. Employment in a health care agency or government department, professional committee, teaching or research positions.

**Activities relating to dentistry**

Description of activity

Location or name of organisation where activity was undertaken

Country (if other than Australia)

Dates of activity  /  to  /  Number of hours spent (approx.)

Full-time  Part-time

**Activities relating to dentistry**

Description of activity

Location or name of organisation where activity was undertaken

Country (if other than Australia)

Dates of activity  /  to  /  Number of hours spent (approx.)

Full-time  Part-time

Attach a separate sheet if all your activity details do not fit in the space provided.

34. How have you maintained your involvement and connection with the profession?

E.g. list organisations you have been and are currently affiliated with, membership of professional associations, professional networks etc.

**Provide details of your circumstances below**

You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.



## SECTION J: Compliance with regulatory requirements

**35. When you were previously registered with a dental board in a state or territory of Australia, did you comply with all requirements for registration?**

YES

NO

**Provide details of your circumstances below**

You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

**36. When you were previously registered with a dental board in a state or territory of Australia, were there any findings made against you after a disciplinary hearing?**

YES

NO

**Provide details below**

You **must** attach a separate sheet with additional details that do not fit within the space provided.

**37. Have you read and understood the registration standards, codes, guidelines and policies of the Board that are relevant for general registrants?**

YES

NO

The Board's codes, guidelines and policies are available at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au)

**Mark all the registration standards, codes, guidelines and policies that you have read**

**Registration standards**

- Dental continuing professional development registration standard
- Dental criminal history registration standard
- Dental endorsement conscious sedation registration standard (if relevant)
- Dental English language skills registration standard
- Dental professional indemnity insurance registration standard
- Dental recency of practice registration standard
- Dental scope of practice registration standard
- Dental specialist registration standard (if relevant)

**Codes and guidelines**

- Dental code of conduct
- Dental guidelines in relation to blood-borne viruses
- Dental guidelines for informing a National Board about where you practise
- Dental guidelines on obligations when using social media
- Dental guidelines for mandatory notifications
- Dental guidelines on continuing professional development
- Dental guidelines for advertising of regulated health services
- Dental guidelines on scope of practice
- Dental guidelines on supervision

**Policies**

- Dental policy on the use of the protected title of acupuncturist
- Dental policy on informing notifiers about reasons for Board decision



**38. Have you completed the Recency of Practice/Return to Practice self assessment tool questionnaire?**



The *Recency of practice/Return to practice self assessment tool* can be found on the Board's website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration/Recency-of-Practice)

YES



You **must** attach to this application the *Recency of Practice/Return to Practice self assessment tool* questionnaire.

NO



You **must** complete and attach to this application the *Recency of Practice/Return to Practice self assessment tool* questionnaire.

**SECTION K: Declaration**



**Before you sign and date this form:** Make sure that you have answered all of the relevant questions correctly, read the statements below and provided the requested supporting documentation **and** the *Recency of Practice/Return to Practice self assessment tool* questionnaire. An incomplete form may delay processing and you may be asked to complete a new form. For more information, see the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

I declare that the information provided on this form and the documents provided in support of this application, are true and correct.

I confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details contained in this form.

I consent to my personal details and information being checked by a third party system to verify and confirm my identity

Name of applicant	Signature of applicant
<input type="text"/>	 SIGN HERE
Date	
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## SECTION L: Checklist

Have the following items been attached or arranged, if required?

<i>Additional documentation</i>		Attached
<b>Question 3</b>	Evidence of a change of name	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 8</b>	A separate sheet with details of the change in the type of dental care you provide	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 9</b>	A separate sheet with details of the type of practice you intend to return to	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 10</b>	A separate sheet with details of the work environment you intend to return to	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 11</b>	A separate sheet with your reason for submitting this form	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 12</b>	Your curriculum vitae	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 13</b>	A separate sheet with additional work history details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 14</b>	A separate sheet with an explanation of the breaks in your practice history	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 18</b>	A separate sheet with details of your role, scope of practice and clinical procedures in your last practising role	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 20</b>	A separate sheet with details of your last role involving direct patient care	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 21</b>	A separate sheet with details of procedures regularly referred to other practitioners	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 25</b>	Certified copies of any additional qualifications relevant to the type of dental care you plan to provide	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 25</b>	A separate sheet with additional course details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 26</b>	Certified copies of evidence that indicate completion of a bridging program and a course content/outline	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 27</b>	A separate sheet with additional qualification details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 28</b>	Certified copies of your current or previous registration in dentistry outside of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 29</b>	A separate sheet with additional registration details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 30</b>	Certified copies of evidence of your participation in professional development activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 30</b>	A separate sheet with additional professional development details	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 31</b>	Certified copies of evidence of your recent participation in infection prevention and control training	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 32</b>	Certified copies of evidence of your recent participation in CPR training	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 33</b>	A separate sheet with additional details of your activities related to dentistry	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 34</b>	A separate sheet with additional details regarding the maintenance of your involvement with the profession	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 35</b>	A separate sheet with additional details of your non-compliance with registration requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 36</b>	A separate sheet with additional details of findings made against you	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Question 38</b>	Your <i>Recency of Practice/Return to Practice self assessment tool</i> questionnaire	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Do not email this form.**

Please submit this completed form and supporting evidence using the Online Upload Service at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload).  
You may contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495



## Information and definitions

### CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

#### DO NOT send original documents.

Copies of documents provided in support of an application, or other purpose required by the National Law, must be certified as true copies of the original documents. Each and every certified document **must**:

- be in English. If original documents are not in English, you must provide a certified copy of the original document and translation in accordance with Ahpra guidelines, which are available at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process)
- be initialled on every page by the authorised officer. For a list of people authorised to certify documents, visit [www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx)
- be annotated on the last page as appropriate e.g. 'I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original' and signed by the authorised officer,
- for documents containing a photograph, the following certification statement must be included by the authorised officer, 'I certify that this is a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me', along with their signature, and
- list the name, date of certification, and contact phone number, and position number (if relevant) and have the stamp or seal of the authorised officer (if relevant) applied.

Certified copies will only be accepted via the Online Upload Service at [www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload). Photocopies of previously certified documents will not be accepted. For more information, Ahpra's guidelines for certifying documents can be found online at [www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/certify.aspx)

### CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or any of the documentation you are providing in support of your application is in another name(s).

Evidence must be a certified copy of one of the following documents:

- Standard marriage certificate (ceremonial certificates will not be accepted)
- Deed poll
- Change of name certificate

Faxed, scanned or emailed copies of certified documents will not be accepted.

### CURRICULUM VITAE

Your curriculum vitae **must**:

- detail any gaps in your practice history of more than three months from the date you obtained your qualification
- indicate whether positions were undertaken full-time or part-time, and specify the nature of any practice (e.g. provision of clinical care, management, administration, regulatory or policy development role)
- detail your continuing professional development over the last three years and refer to the Board's registration standard and guidelines for continuing professional development on the level of detail required
- be in chronological order
- be signed and dated with a statement 'This curriculum vitae is true and correct as at (insert date)', and be the original signed curriculum vitae (no faxes or scanned copies will be accepted).

It **must** also contain all the elements defined in Ahpra's standard format for curriculum vitae which can be found at [www.ahpra.gov.au/cv](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/cv)

### PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which you use your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in your profession. Practice in this context is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge (working) in a direct non-clinical 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.

### REGENCY OF PRACTICE

To ensure that you are able to practise competently and safely, you **must** have recent practice in dentistry and in any field of practice (including specialist, endorsement or division of the register), in which you intend to work during the period of registration for which you are applying.

If in the previous five years you have not practised in dentistry or the field of practice in which you intend to work during the period of registration, you will need to satisfy the Board's recency of practice requirements.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards)