

## Policy

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1 August 2015

### Transitional arrangements for the revised *Registration standard: English language skills*

#### Introduction

A revised *Registration standard: English language skills* (the standard) for the Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) commences on 1 July 2015. The revised standard requires applicants for provisional and limited registration to meet the standard, whereas previously they did not have to meet the standard until they applied for general registration.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure certain applicants are not disadvantaged or advantaged by the timing of the introduction of the revised standard on 1 July 2015. Specifically, this policy applies to:

- applicants for provisional registration from 1 July 2015 until 30 September 2015
- internationally qualified applicants for limited registration from 1 July 2015 until 30 September 2015, and
- pharmacists who held provisional or limited registration at 1 July 2015 and who were not required to meet the previous standard when they applied for provisional or limited registration.

#### Transition arrangements for applicants

The Board's standard that was in force from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2015 did **not** require applicants for provisional or limited registration to meet the Board's English language requirements.

The revised standard commencing 1 July 2015 requires all applicants for initial registration, including applicants for provisional or limited registration, to meet the standard, which means –

- mid-year graduates applying for provisional registration may not be prepared to meet the standard
- internationally qualified applicants preparing applications for provisional or limited registration may not be prepared to meet the standard.

Many applicants will be prepared to meet the revised standard when they apply for provisional or limited registration, and if so the Board encourages them to do so at that time.

However, to ensure these applicants are not disadvantaged by the timing of the introduction of the revised standard on 1 July 2015, the following transition arrangements apply -

- applicants for provisional and limited registration applying from 1 July 2015 until 30 September 2015 can choose to meet the revised standard, but will also have the option of meeting the standard at the time of application for general registration
- from 1 October 2015 all new applicants for provisional registration or limited registration must meet the Board's revised standard.

#### **Transition arrangements for pharmacists holding provisional or limited registration at 1 July 2015**

Pharmacists who held provisional or limited registration at 1 July 2015 are required to meet the requirements of the standard at the time of applying for general registration.

## Definitions

**Internationally qualified applicants** means applicants for initial registration who completed their pharmacy qualification overseas (other than New Zealand) and the applicable Australian Pharmacy Council assessments and examinations.

**Date of issue: 1 August 2015** (this revised policy replaces the policy dated 1 July 2015)

## Attachment

Letter/email template to request to defer meeting the English language skills registration standard in accordance with the transitional arrangements between 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2015.

- If you are applying with a hard copy application, please complete this letter and attach it to your application for registration.
- If you have applied via grad online, please complete this letter and send it to AHPRA GPO Box 9958 IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY

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Application number: Application number

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### **Request to defer meeting the Pharmacy Board of Australia's Registration Standard: English Language Skills in accordance with the transitional arrangements between 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2015**

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I have read the Pharmacy Board of Australia's (the Board's) *Registration Standard: English Language Skills* (effective 1 July 2015) and the Board's *Policy on transitional arrangements for the revised Pharmacy Board of Australia registration standard: English language skills*.

I confirm I qualify for the Board's transition arrangements between 1 July 2015 and 30 September 2015 and understand that I will be required to provide evidence of meeting the Board's Registration Standard: English Language Skills when lodging my application for general registration.

I am aware that the Board or its delegate may contact me or require further information.

Yours sincerely

<Signature>

<Name>  
<Contact details>