

## FACT Sheet

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### General registration for teaching and/or assessing

#### Background

Medical practitioners who fulfil teaching and/or assessing roles for approved programs of study leading to registration are eligible for a reduced general registration fee, subject to formally agreeing (in writing) to restrict their practice to teaching and/or assessing services and meeting continuing professional development requirements.

#### Eligibility

General registration for teaching and/or assessing applies to persons who:

- are eligible, qualified and suitable for general registration as a medical practitioner
- are not providing health care or medical opinion in respect of the physical or mental health of any person, and
- restrict their practice to teaching and/or assessing services for accredited and approved programs of study leading to registration as a medical practitioner.

Teaching and/or assessing services includes the provision of services as part of an Australian Medical Council (AMC) accredited program of study approved as a qualification for general or specialist registration. For example:

- acting as an examiner for the AMC or accredited Specialist Colleges
- teaching medical students as part of an accredited medical course leading to registration
- providing administration or management services for an accredited medical course or assessment process leading to registration

General registration for teaching and/or assessing does not apply to persons who

- provide teaching and/or assessing services and clinical care concurrently
- do not hold an approved qualification required for registration as a medical practitioner
- are visiting overseas academics recruited to teach in an accredited medical school short term, please see form ALTR-30 - Application for limited registration for teaching or research available at: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Forms.aspx>.

#### Requirements

To apply for general registration (teaching and/or assessing) applicants must complete one of the forms relevant to their current status. These are:

- Agreement to restrict practice (teaching and/or assessing) for medical practitioners who hold current general registration - AEGR-30; or
- Application to restrict practice (teaching and/or assessing) for non-practising or lapsed applicants - ANPR-30.

The forms are available at: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Forms.aspx>.

### **Agreement to restrict practice**

The voluntary agreement to restrict practice will be recorded against the medical practitioner's name on the public register.

### **Continuing professional development**

Medical practitioners in this category of registration are required to meet the continuing professional development requirements that have been defined by their employer. A letter from the employing institution confirming these arrangements must be submitted with the agreement to restrict practice or application for general registration (teaching and/or assessing).

### **Professional Indemnity Insurance**

The Board's registration standard for professional indemnity insurance states:

*"Where the scope of medical practice of an individual medical practitioner does not include the provision of health care or medical opinion in respect of the physical or mental health of any person, PII will not be required for the purposes of registration."*

Therefore, practitioners with this type of registration do not need to have PII.