



Paramedicine Board of Australia

REGISTRATION STANDARD: GRANDPARENTING

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Summary

This registration standard sets out the Paramedicine Board of Australia's (the Board) requirements for an application for general registration when you do not hold an approved or accepted qualification and wish to apply under section 311 of the National Law¹ that provides for alternative ways of proving you may be qualified for registration (grandparenting)².

This standard provides an explanation of how you can apply for registration under these provisions based on:

- adequate qualification(s)
- qualification(s) with supervised practice, or
- adequate experience and practice in the profession.

These provisions apply for a limited time of three years from participation day³.

Does this standard apply to me?

This standard applies if you:

- apply for general registration before participation day plus three years, and
- do not hold an approved⁴ or accepted⁵ qualification.

If you are qualified for general registration under section 53(a) or (d) with an approved or accepted qualification you are not required to meet this standard.

What must I do?

When you apply for registration

You can apply for registration under s311(a),(b) or (c) by one of the following pathways within the confines of these grandparenting provisions.

Pathway 1 (s311(1)(a))

May apply if you hold a qualification or completed training in paramedicine, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, that the Board considers adequate for the purposes of practising the profession.

or

Pathway 2 (s311(1)(b))

May apply if you hold a qualification or have completed training in paramedicine, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, and have completed any further study, training or supervised practice in the profession required by the Board for the purposes of this section.

or

Pathway 3(s311(1)(c))

May apply if you have practised paramedicine during the 10 years before participation day for a consecutive period of five years or for any periods which together amount to five years and satisfies the Board that you are competent to practise paramedicine.

In addition to being qualified for registration, all applicants must meet the requirements for registration as set out in other registration standards and the National Law.

¹ Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory.

² Section 311(1) of the National Law is referred to as the grandparenting provisions for paramedicine practitioners.

³ The date paramedicine becomes regulated under the National Scheme. This is yet to be prescribed in regulations.

⁴ Approved qualifications are set by the Board under section 49 of the National Law and published on the Boards website.

⁵ The National Law prescribes a Diploma of Paramedical Science issued by the Ambulance Service of New South Wales as an accepted qualification.

How to demonstrate that you meet this standard

The Board will assess applicants for general registration made in accordance with section 311(1) on their individual merit.

When applying for general registration in accordance with section 311(1) you must provide the following evidence to the satisfaction of the Board.

Pathway 1 (s311(1)(a))

A brief practice history and evidence of the adequate qualification obtained, or training undertaken that has been approved by the Board as adequate for the purposes of this section.

Pathway 2 (s311(1)(b))

A brief practice history and evidence of any qualification obtained, training or further study undertaken including a description of topics covered and competencies achieved that is relevant to your application to be a registered paramedic along with evidence of your successful completion of any period of supervised practice.

Pathway 3 (s311(1)(c))

A detailed practice history that demonstrates a period(s) of practice of the profession amounting to a total of five years during the 10 years before participation day along with corroborating evidence in the form of:

- a. a statement(s) of service or other documentation from an employer(s) that demonstrates five years of practice in the profession during the 10 years before participation day, and
- b. copies of position descriptions, describing the nature of the qualifications or knowledge and skills required, duties performed and duration of employment, and
- c. other evidence of your practice as paramedic such as:
 - an authority to practise issued by an ambulance service

- proof of registration as a paramedic in an overseas jurisdiction
- an employer letter attesting to your competency as a paramedic
- a satisfactory performance review document signed by your employer within the last 12 months relating to your practice in the profession, or
- a personal submission as to your competency and qualification for registration (if self-employed).

General

In order to determine any application for registration the Board may require you to provide additional evidence relating to your qualifications, training, further study or employment.

Should the Board still fail to be satisfied that you are qualified for registration, it may also require you to do an examination or an assessment in accordance with section 80(1)(b) of the National Law. This may, for instance, include assessment against professional competency standards for paramedics such as those published by the Council of Ambulance Authorities.

You should note that providing false or misleading information or making a false or misleading declaration may be considered by the Board as professional misconduct. The Board may refuse to register you or cancel your registration where it is established that false or misleading information or a false or misleading declaration has been provided.

What happens if I don't meet this standard?

If you are unable to meet the requirements of this standard, your application for general registration as a paramedic will be refused.

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Authority

This registration standard was approved by the Ministerial Council on 13 April 2018.

Registration standards are developed under section 38 of the National Law and are subject to wide-ranging consultation.

Definitions

Approved program of study means an accredited program of study approved under section 49(1) by the National Board and included in the list published on the Board's website, under section 49(5).

A list of approved programs of study will be published on the Board's section of the AHPRA website.

Approved qualification means a qualification obtained by completing a Board approved program of study for the profession. Approved qualifications will be listed on the Board's website.

Accepted qualification means a Diploma of Paramedical Science issued by the Ambulance Service of New South Wales.

Grandparenting provisions are defined as the transitional arrangements outlined in section 311 of the National Law.

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.

Review

This standard will be reviewed as required.

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