
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS REGISTRATION BOARD OF TASMANIA

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Registrar

GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION IN TASMANIA

Under the provisions of the *Mutual Recognition Act, 1992* (Commonwealth) a person who has a current authority to practise in one State/Territory in an occupation recognised as equivalent to an occupation in another State/Territory, is eligible to be registered/enrolled and to carry on that equivalent occupation in that second State or Territory. This right may be exercised provided that certain conditions, including lodgement of certain information verified by a Statutory Declaration, are met.

Mutual Recognition provides an additional and alternative avenue for obtaining registration. Applicants have the choice of applying for registration or enrolment as a psychologist under the Mutual Recognition Act or the current Physiotherapists Registration Act.

The written notice (application form) must cover the matters referred to in Section 19(2) of the Mutual Recognition Act 1992. Application forms for registration in Tasmania are available from the Physiotherapists Registration Board of Tasmania by:

<i>calling at the Board's Office</i>	<i>writing to the Board</i>	<i>or telephoning</i>
<i>Physiotherapists Registration Board of Tasmania 2, 24 Murray Street HOBART TAS 7000</i>	<i>Physiotherapists Registration Board of Tasmania GPO Box 792 HOBART TAS 7001</i>	<i>(03) 03 6224 9331</i>

Mutual Recognition provides benefits to applicants, for example, from the date of lodgement of a fully completed application deemed registration is granted. Deemed registration entitles a person to practise in accordance with the laws of the state as if substantive (full) registration were granted.

Conditions may be applied to a person's 'deemed registration' indicating the duration of approval and any conditions that apply to their practice.

Deemed registration continues until substantive registration is granted, or until it is cancelled or refused by the Board. Deemed registrants must be notified of such decisions within one calendar month from the deemed registration date. The Board's decision is subject to appeal.

Deemed registration automatically leads to substantive registration within one month of the grant of deemed registration if a written notice postponing the decision or advising of refusal has not been issued within that time by the Board.

Substantive registration may be postponed or refused in cases where, for example, statements made in the application/notice are found to be materially false or misleading.

Substantive registrants will be notified in due course, and registration is subject to annual renewal.

Registrants whether deemed or substantive are subject to disciplinary procedures/arrangements under the *Physiotherapists Registration Act 1999*.