

Updated AHPRA Registration Pathways Frequently Asked Questions

What are the AHPRA changes?

AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) now recognises certain international Occupational Therapy qualifications as equivalent to Australian qualifications.

This means that practitioners who have completed one of the recognised qualifications can now apply directly for general registration with no restrictions on their practice.

If my qualification is on the list of equivalent qualifications, how do I apply?

1. Create or log in to your [AHPRA online portal](#).
2. Prepare and upload a certified copy of your academic transcript and other supporting documents.
3. Follow the prompts to complete your application for general registration.

What if I didn't study at an education provider in a recognised jurisdiction?

You can still apply for registration with AHPRA, but you must first complete a Portfolio Qualification Assessment (PNQA-96).

*What is the Portfolio Qualification Assessment (PNQA-96)?

The **PNQA-96** is an assessment process to determine if your qualifications are comparable or equivalent to an Australian qualification. You'll need to submit detailed information about your education, coursework, and professional experience.

*Which countries does this apply to?

The Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA) has identified several countries and jurisdictions where some qualifications are considered comparable.

These currently include:

1. United Kingdom
2. Ireland
3. South Africa
4. USA
5. Canada

*Note: Not all education providers or qualification years in these countries are recognised. You must check both your **education provider** and **year of completion** against the official OTBA list.

Can I apply from overseas?

Yes. You can complete your application for registration while overseas, as long as all required documentation is provided and certified according to AHPRA's requirements.

What happens after I've submitted my PQA?

Once your PQA has been reviewed, AHPRA will provide one of three possible outcomes:

1. **Comparable Qualification:** You'll be invited to apply for general registration.
2. **Relevant Qualification:** You'll be invited to apply for limited registration under supervision.
3. **Not Comparable or Equivalent:** You'll be advised to complete further study or training before reapplying.

Still have questions?

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*A full list of comparable regulators can be found [here](#)