



Application for limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice

Profession: Optometry

Part 7 Division 6 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)

This form is for eligible overseas trained optometrists and eligible optometrists who are not qualified for general registration in the profession, but who wish to apply for limited registration under section 66 of the National Law for the purposes of:

- **postgraduate training** to practise whilst undertaking an approved program of study in ocular therapeutics
- **supervised practice** to practise under supervision before completing an approved examination such as the:
 - clinical part of the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) Competency in Optometry Examination (COE), and/or
 - OCANZ Assessment of Competence in Ocular Therapeutics (ACOT) examination.

Applicants should also note that where registration is granted under this category of limited registration, it will only be granted for a specific purpose and for a limited time. A notation to this effect will be placed on your registration.

Both initial registration and renewal under this standard are linked to undertaking supervised practice to prepare for an examination or completing postgraduate training. The limited registration will end 30 days after the cessation of the purpose for which limited registration was granted.

In accordance with section 72 of the National Law, the Board can grant limited registration for up to 12 months and may renew the registration no more than three times.

In accordance with section 83 of the National Law, the Board may grant limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice subject to any conditions it considers necessary or desirable in the circumstances.

This application comprises:

- **Part A:** to be completed by the applicant
- **Part B:** to be completed by the supervisor (if applicable)
- **Part C:** to be completed by the employer (if applicable), and
- **Part D:** to be completed by the applicant.

It is important that you refer to the Board's registration standard and guidelines before completing this application. Registration standards, codes and guidelines can be found at www.optometryboard.gov.au

REQUIREMENT TO HOLD QUALIFICATION IN OCULAR THERAPEUTICS

From 1 December 2014, all initial applicants are required to hold a Board-approved qualification in ocular therapeutics to be eligible for general registration.

This can be achieved via an approved program of study in ocular therapeutics and/or an examination/assessment in ocular therapeutics approved by the Board (e.g. the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) Assessment of Competence in Ocular Therapeutics (ACOT) examination).

To be eligible to take the ACOT examination or to enrol in an approved program of study in ocular therapeutics, you must pass the OCANZ COE (both the written and clinical components).

If you do not wish to practise whilst completing the COE (written or clinical), you do not need to be registered with the Board. For more information on the COE or ACOT see www.OCANZ.org



This application will not be considered unless it is complete and all supporting documentation has been provided. Supporting documentation **must** be certified in accordance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) guidelines. For more information, see *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Privacy and confidentiality

The Board and Ahpra are committed to protecting your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). The ways the Board and Ahpra may collect, use and disclose your information are set out in the collection statement relevant to this application, available at www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy.

By signing this form, you confirm that you have read the collection statement. Ahpra's privacy policy explains how you may access and seek correction of your personal information held by Ahpra and the Board, how to complain to Ahpra about a breach of your privacy and how your complaint will be dealt with. This policy can be accessed at www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy.

Symbols in this form



Additional information

Provides specific information about a question or section of the form.



Attention

Highlights important information about the form.



Attach document(s) to this form

Processing cannot occur until all required documents are received.



Signature required

Requests appropriate parties to sign the form where indicated.



Mail document(s) directly to Ahpra

Requires delivery of documents by an organisation or the applicant.

Completing this form

- Read and **complete all questions**.
- Ensure that **all pages** and required **attachments** are returned to Ahpra.
- Use a **black** or **blue** pen only.
- Print clearly in **BLOCK LETTERS**
- Place X in **all** applicable boxes:
- **DO NOT send original documents unless specified.**



Do not use staples or glue, or affix sticky notes to your application. Please ensure all supporting documents are on A4 size paper.



PART A – To be completed by the applicant

SECTION A: Personal details



The information items in this section of the application marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register.

1. What is your name and date of birth?

Title*
 MR MRS MISS MS DR OTHER

Family name*

First given name*

Middle name(s)*

Previous names known by (e.g. maiden name)

Date of birth / /

If you have ever been formally known by another name, or you are providing documents in another name, you **must** attach proof of your name change unless this has been previously provided to the Board. For more information, see *Change of name* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

2. What are your birth details?

Country of birth

City/Suburb/Town of birth

State/Territory of birth (if within Australia)
 VIC NSW QLD SA WA NT TAS ACT

Sex*
 MALE FEMALE INTERSEX/INDETERMINATE

Languages spoken other than English (optional)*



SECTION B: Contact information



Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time. Please go to www.ahpra.gov.au and

- download and complete the change of address form *CHDT-00 – Request for change of address details on the register*, or
- log in to your Ahpra account to change your details online.

3. What are your contact details?

Provide your current contact details below – place an next to your preferred contact phone number.

Business hours

Mobile

After hours

Email

4. What is your residential address?



When you are not yet practising, or when you are not practising the profession predominantly at one address:

- your residential address will be recognised as your principal place of practice, and
- the information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register as your principal place of practice.

Refer to the question below for the definition of principal place of practice.

Residential address **cannot** be a PO Box.

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town*

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/**International province***

Postcode/ZIP*

Country (if other than Australia)

5. Will the address of your principal place of practice be the same as your residential address?

YES

NO *Provide your Australian principal place of practice below*



Principal place of practice for a registered health practitioner is:

- the address at which you will predominantly practise the profession; or
- your principal place of residence, if you are not practising the profession or are not practising the profession predominantly at one address.

Principal place of practice **cannot** be a PO Box.

The information items marked with an asterisk (*) will appear on the public register.

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town*

State/Territory* (e.g. VIC, ACT)

Postcode*



6. What is your mailing address?

- My residential address
- My principal place of practice
- Other (*Provide your mailing address below*)

i Your mailing address is used for postal correspondence

Site/building and/or position/department (if applicable)

Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

City/Suburb/Town

State or territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)/**International province** **Postcode/ZIP**

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Country (if other than Australia)

SECTION C: Proof of identity

i You must provide proof of your identity with this application. Please refer to the *Proof of identity requirements* available at www.ahpra.gov.au/identity.

You **must** provide one document from each category A, B and C, and one document from category D if the document supplied for category B or C does not contain evidence of a current Australian residential address.

7. Are you applying for registration from outside of Australia AND unable to provide evidence from each category?

- YES NO **Go to the next question**

i If you are applying for registration from outside of Australia and are unable to provide evidence from each category, you will be required to meet the minimum identity requirements. Refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/identity for further information.

Attachment required below – then go to Section D: Qualification for the profession

You **must** attach a certified copy of a foreign passport (an EU card is not acceptable). Your certified copy **must** include:

- a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page), and
- an official English translation of your passport (if your passport is in a language other than English). Please refer to *Translating documents* at www.ahpra.gov.au/translate for further information.



8. Which documents from each category will you provide for proof of identity?

i You **must** only use each document once.

The documents provided **must** meet the following criteria:

- At least **one** document must be in the applicant's current name.
- Your category B document **must** have a recent photo.
- All documents **must** be officially translated into English. Please refer to *Translating documents* at www.ahpra.gov.au/translate for further information.
- If using your passport, a certified copy of the identity information page (the photo page) **must** be provided.
- All documents **must** be true certified copies of the original. See *Certifying documents* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form for more information.

Choose proof of identity documents to submit: (A document may only be used once for any category)

Documents	Category used:			Documents	Category used:		
	A	B	C		A	B	C
Australian birth or adoption certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian financial institution account	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian visa (Foreign passport must be selected as evidence for Category B)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian Medicare card	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ImmiCard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian PAYG payment summary	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian citizenship certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian motor vehicle registration	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian passport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian Taxation Assessment Notice	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian motor vehicle licence	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian insurance policy	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Foreign passport	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian pension/healthcare card	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian Working with Children/Vulnerable People Card	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Category D documents			
Australian firearms or shooter's licence	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A document from Category D is only required if your Category B or C document does not provide evidence of your residential address.			
Australian student ID card	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have used a Category B or C document that has my current residential address			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Intl. or foreign motor vehicle licence	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian rate notice			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian proof of age card	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Current Australian lease or tenancy agreement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian government benefits	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian utility account			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian academic transcript	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Australian electoral enrolment card			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Australian registration certificate	NA	NA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				



You **must** attach a certified copy of **all** proof of identity documents that you have indicated above.

SECTION D: Qualification for the profession

i In accordance with section 66 of the National Law, you must satisfy the National Board that you have qualifications in the profession relevant to and suitable for the position.

9. What are the details of your undergraduate optometry qualification?

Primary qualification and examinations/assessments

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date

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Completion date

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You **must** attach an original certified copy of your primary optometry degree certificate that indicates completion of a course of study leading to a qualification as an optometrist.



Additional qualification and examinations/assessments

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date

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Completion date

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Attach a separate sheet if your qualification details do not fit in the space provided.

SECTION E: Registration history

10. What is your health practitioner registration history?



If you have been registered outside of Australia, the Board requires a Certificate of Registration Status or Certificate of Good Standing from **every** jurisdiction outside of Australia in which you are currently, or have previously been registered as a health practitioner **during the past five years**.

Certificates **must** be dated within three months of your application being received by Ahpra.

Most recent registration

State/Territory/Country

Profession

Period of registration

 / / to / /

Additional registration

State/Territory/Country

Profession

Period of registration

 / / to / /


If you have been registered outside of Australia, you **must** arrange for original Certificates of Registration Status or Certificates of Good Standing to be forwarded directly from the registration authority to your Ahpra state office. Refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/Contact-Us for your Ahpra state office address.



Attach a separate sheet if your registration history does not fit in the spaces provided

SECTION F: Work history

11. What is your full practice history?



It is important that you refer to *Curriculum vitae* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form for **mandatory requirements** of the CV. Your curriculum vitae will further inform the Board in relation to your recency of practice and registration history.



You **must** attach to your application a **signed and dated** curriculum vitae that describes your full practice history and any clinical or skills training undertaken.



SECTION G: Suitability statements

i Information required by the Board to assess your suitability for registration is detailed in the following questions. It is recommended that you provide as much information as possible to enable the Board to reach a timely and informed decision.

Please note that registration is dependent on suitability as defined in the National Law, and the requirements set out in the Board's registration standards. Refer to www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards for further information.

12. Do you have any criminal history in Australia?



It is important that you have a clear understanding of the definition of criminal history. For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES

NO



You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances.

13. Do you have any criminal history in one or more countries other than Australia?



For more information, see *Criminal history* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

If you answer **Yes** to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory.

NO

Go to the next question

YES

You are required to:

- obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below, and
- provide details of your criminal history in a signed and dated written statement.

Country	Check reference number



You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.



You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.



You **must** attach a signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in each of the countries listed and an explanation of the circumstances.

14. Are there any countries other than Australia in which you have lived, or been primarily based, for six consecutive months or longer, when aged 18 years or more?



If you answer **Yes** to this question, you are required to obtain an international criminal history check (ICHC) from an approved vendor, who will provide a check reference number and ICHC reference page. For a list of approved vendors and further information about international criminal history checks, refer to www.ahpra.gov.au/internationalcriminalhistory.

NO

Go to the next question

YES

You are required to obtain an international criminal history check from an approved vendor for each country and provide details below

Country	Check reference number



You **must** attach a separate sheet if the list of overseas countries and corresponding check reference number does not fit in the space provided.



You **must** attach the international criminal history check (ICHC) reference page provided by the approved vendor.



All applicants must demonstrate English language competency via one of the following pathways:

i An evidence requirements guide is available at www.ahpra.gov.au/EnglishLanguageSkills.

Recognised country means one of the following countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America.

Combined secondary and tertiary education pathway

You have undertaken and satisfactorily completed:

- at least two years of secondary education that was taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, **and**
- tertiary qualifications on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law, which were taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country.

Extended education pathway

You have undertaken and satisfactorily completed at least six years' (full time equivalent) continuous education taught and assessed solely in English, in any of the recognised countries, which includes tertiary qualifications in the profession on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law.

Primary language pathway

With overseas qualification in a non-recognised country

English is your primary language and you have undertaken and satisfactorily completed:

- all of your primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, **and**
- tertiary qualifications on which you are relying to support your eligibility for registration under the National Law, which were taught and assessed solely in English.

English language test pathway

You have achieved the required minimum scores in one of the approved English language tests and meet the requirements for test results specified in the Board's *English language skills registration standard*.

15. Which one of the English language competency pathways do you meet?

i Ahpra may verify the information you provide below.

For more information, see *English language skills* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

i If a qualification that was relied on for registration is not an approved program of study, you **must** provide confirmation that the course was taught and assessed solely in English. A list of approved programs of study is available at www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study

- Combined secondary and tertiary education pathway **Provide details of secondary and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 19**
- Extended education pathway **Provide details of secondary, vocational and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 19**
- Primary language pathway This is a declaration that English is your primary language **Provide details of primary, secondary and tertiary education in the table below, then go to question 19**
- English language test pathway **Go to question 16**

Complete the following table of education undertaken in chronological order (earliest to most recent):

Timeframe	Level of education	Program name <i>If applicable</i>	Education institution <i>Specify name and address</i>	Recognised country <i>If applicable</i>	Study status
Study commenced: MM/YYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary			<input type="checkbox"/> Australia <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand <input type="checkbox"/> South Africa <input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Republic of Ireland <input type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time
Study completed: MM/YYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary				
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Study completed: MM/YYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary				
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Study completed: MM/YYYYY	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary				

i Please attach a separate sheet with any additional details that do not fit in the space provided above.
If a qualification specified above was relied on for registration and is **not** an approved program of study, you **must** provide a certified copy of your academic transcript confirming that the course was taught and assessed solely in English.
If the transcript does not confirm that the course was taught and assessed solely in English, you **must** arrange for a letter in the required form to be provided directly to Ahpra by the education provider confirming that the course was taught and assessed solely in English.

16. Were your results from the English language tests obtained in one or two sittings?

i In certain circumstances, you can use English language test results from a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period. For more information, refer to the Board's *English language skills registration standard*.

- One sitting **Provide date of test below, then go to the next question and complete details for one sitting**
- Two sittings **Provide dates below, then go to the next question and complete details for both sittings**

Sitting one / / Sitting two / /



17. Which of these English language tests have you successfully completed?

Provide reference number(s) for the test(s) you are relying on and attach a copy of your test results.

International English Language Test System (IELTS) Academic module

Test report form number – sitting one:

Input field for test report form number (sitting one) with 'A' in the last box.

Test report form number – sitting two (if applicable):

Input field for test report form number (sitting two) with 'A' in the last box.

The Board requires the IELTS (academic module) with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

Occupational English Test (OET)

Candidate number – sitting one:

Input field for candidate number (sitting one) with dashes in the middle.

Candidate number – sitting two (if applicable):

Input field for candidate number (sitting two) with dashes in the middle.

The Board requires the OET with a minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)

Registration ID – sitting one:

Input field for registration ID (sitting one).

Registration ID – sitting two (if applicable):

Input field for registration ID (sitting two).

The Board requires the PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based test (TOEFL iBT)

Registration number – sitting one:

Input field for registration number (sitting one).

Registration number – sitting two (if applicable):

Input field for registration number (sitting two).

The Board requires the TOEFL iBT with a minimum total score of 94 and the minimum scores of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing, and 23 for speaking.



If your English language test(s) were completed within the past two years, you must provide a copy of your test results, including the reference number(s), so that Ahpra can verify your results. If your English language test(s) were not completed within the past two years, you must provide a certified copy of your results.

18. Were your results from the above-mentioned English language tests obtained in the past two years?

YES

NO



In order for your results to be accepted, within 12 months of completing your test(s) you must have commenced:

- continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country where English was the primary language of practice, and/or
• continuous enrolment in an approved program of study.

You must lodge this application within 12 months of completing the employment and/or program of study.



You must attach a certified copy of your English language test results, and:

- your CV and a letter from employer(s) or a professional referee in the required form confirming continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country (if you are relying on continuous employment over two years in duration, only two years is required), and/or
• an academic transcript evidencing that you were enrolled continuously in a Board-approved program of study that commenced within 12 months of sitting the English language test, and that you completed your study no longer than 12 months before lodging your application.

19. Do you commit to having appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements in place for all practice undertaken during the registration period?



The Board requires all applicants for limited registration to have appropriate professional indemnity arrangements in place when practising. Applicants unable to meet this requirement are ineligible for registration. For more information, see Professional indemnity insurance in the Information and definitions section of this form.

YES

NO

20. Have you practised the profession in the past three years?



Recent graduates who apply for registration within the first year of graduation do not need to meet the recency of practice requirements. For more information, see Recency of practice in the Information and definitions section of this form.

N/A I am a recent graduate applying for registration within the first year.

YES I have practised the profession in the past three years.

NO



You must attach details that address the requirements of the Board's Recency of practice registration standard.



21. Do you have an impairment that detrimentally affects, or is likely to detrimentally affect, your capacity to practise the profession?



For more information, see *Impairment* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

YES

NO



You **must** attach to this application details of any impairments and how they are managed.

22. If you have previously worked in Australia, is your registration in any profession currently suspended or cancelled in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?

YES

NO

N/A



You **must** attach to this application details of any registration suspension or cancellation.

23. Have you previously had your registration cancelled, refused or suspended in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?



If you have previously held general registration as an optometrist in Australia you are **not eligible** to apply for limited registration. If your registration was as another health practitioner and/or limited registration as an optometrist details need to be provided.

YES

NO



You **must** to this application attach details of any cancellation, refusal or suspension.

24. Has your registration ever been subject to conditions, undertakings or limitations in Australia (under the National Law or a corresponding prior Act) or overseas?



If you have previously held general registration as an optometrist in Australia you are **not eligible** to apply for limited registration. If your registration was as another health practitioner and/or limited registration as an optometrist details need to be provided.

YES

NO



You **must** to this application attach details of any conditions, undertakings or limitations.

25. Are you disqualified from applying for registration, or being registered, in any profession in Australia (under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act or a law of a co-regulatory jurisdiction), or overseas?



Co-regulatory jurisdiction means a participating jurisdiction (of the National Law) in which the Act applying (the National Law) declares that the jurisdiction is not participating in the health, performance and conduct process provided by Divisions 3 to 12 of Part 8 (of the National Law).

If you have previously held general registration as an optometrist in Australia you are **not eligible** to apply for limited registration. If your registration was as another health practitioner and/or limited registration as an optometrist details need to be provided.

YES

NO



You **must** to this application attach details of any disqualifications.

26. Have you been, or are you currently, the subject of conduct, performance or health proceedings whilst registered under the National Law, a corresponding prior Act, or the law of another jurisdiction in Australia or overseas, where those proceedings were not finalised?



If you have previously held general registration as an optometrist in Australia you are **not eligible** to apply for limited registration. If your registration was as another health practitioner and/or limited registration as an optometrist details need to be provided.

YES

NO



You **must** to this application attach details of any conduct, performance or health proceedings.



SECTION H: Details of postgraduate training or examination

27. Have you successfully completed the written and clinical component of the Competency in Optometry Examination (COE)?

If you have successfully completed the COE, your application will be processed when the Board receives advice direct from the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ).

YES Go to the next question NO Go to question 30

28. Do you wish to practise the profession whilst studying in an approved programs of study in ocular therapeutics?

YES NO Go to question 32

Information required below – then go to the next question

Name of the approved program of study



You **must** provide a postgraduate training plan and evidence of enrolment or an offer of acceptance from the education provider. A postgraduate training plan template is found in the fact sheet on the Board’s website at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/Limited-registration-for-postgraduate-training-or-supervised-practice.

A list of approved programs of study in ocular therapeutics is found on Ahpra’s website at www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study.aspx?ref=Optometrist

29. What are the details of the education provider of the approved programs of study in ocular therapeutics?

Education provider details required below – then go to Section J: Obligations, consent and declaration

Family (legal) name of contact

First given name

Position

Business phone

Mobile

Email

30. Have you successfully completed the written component of the COE?

YES Go to the next question NO



Do not proceed with this application. Evidence of successful completion of the written component of the COE is required for this application. Please contact OCANZ at www.ocanz.org for further information.

31. Do you wish to practise the profession under supervision in Australia prior to sitting the clinical component of the COE?

You must provide evidence of successful completion of the written component of the COE from OCANZ.

YES Go to question 33 NO



You are not required to hold any form of registration to undertake the written or clinical components of the COE.

You do not need to proceed with this application if you are not intending to undertake supervised practice prior to sitting the clinical COE.



32. Do you wish to practise the profession whilst studying for the Assessment of Competence in Ocular Therapeutics (ACOT) examination?

YES

NO If you do not wish to practise the profession in Australia, you do not need to hold limited registration with the Board.



You **must** provide evidence of enrolment or an offer of acceptance from and payment to OCANZ for the ACOT examination.

SECTION I: Details of the supervised practice position

33. What is the title of the position in which you will be undertaking supervised practice?



Applicants granted limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice must only practise under supervision in accordance with an approved supervised practice plan.

Practitioners with limited registration for postgraduate practice or supervised practice **must** maintain their employment in the approved position. If there is any change to the position in which you are working you will be required to submit a new application for **limited** registration with the Board.

Title of the position



For further information including the documents needed to be attached with this application, refer to the Supervised Practice Framework available at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Policies-Codes-Guidelines

34. What is the commencement date of the supervised practice position?

Commencement date

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35. What is the anticipated completion date of the supervised practice position?



The initial period of limited registration for supervised practice will be 30 days from the date of the clinical component of the COE or ACOT examination. For further information, refer to *Fact sheet - limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice* published under the Registration standard section of the Board's website.

Commencement date

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SECTION J: Obligations, consent and declaration



Before you sign and date this form, make sure that you have answered all of the relevant questions correctly and read the statements below. An incomplete form may delay processing and you may be asked to complete a new form. For more information, see the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

Obligations of registered health practitioners

The National Law pt 7 div 11 sub-div 3 establishes the legislative obligations of registered health practitioners. A contravention of these obligations, as detailed at points 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 or 8 below does not constitute an offence but may constitute behaviour for which health, conduct or performance action may be taken by the Board. Registered health practitioners are also obligated to meet the requirements of their Board as established in registration standards, codes and guidelines.

Continuing professional development

1. A registered health practitioner must undertake the continuing professional development required by an approved registration standard for the health profession in which the practitioner is registered.

Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

2. A registered health practitioner must not practise the health profession in which the practitioner is registered unless appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
3. A National Board may, at any time by written notice, require a registered health practitioner registered by the Board to give the Board evidence of the appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements that are in force in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession.
4. A registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a written notice given to the practitioner under point 3 above.

Notice of certain events

5. A registered health practitioner must, within 7 days after becoming aware that a relevant event has occurred in relation to the practitioner, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the event. *Relevant event* means—
 - a) the practitioner is charged, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, with an offence punishable by 12 months imprisonment or more; or
 - b) the practitioner is convicted of or the subject of a finding of guilt for an offence, whether in a participating jurisdiction or elsewhere, punishable by imprisonment; or
 - c) appropriate professional indemnity insurance arrangements are no longer in place in relation to the practitioner's practice of the profession; or
 - d) the practitioner's right to practise at a hospital or another facility at which health services are provided is withdrawn or restricted because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
 - e) the practitioner's billing privileges are withdrawn or restricted under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth) because of the practitioner's conduct, professional performance or health; or
 - f) the practitioner's authority under a law of a State or Territory to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use a scheduled medicine or class of scheduled medicines is cancelled or restricted; or
 - g) a complaint is made about the practitioner to the following entities—
 - (i) the chief executive officer under the *Human Services (Medicare) Act 1973* (Cth);
 - (ii) an entity performing functions under the *Health Insurance Act 1973* (Cth);
 - (iii) the Secretary within the meaning of the *National Health Act 1953* (Cth);
 - (iv) the Secretary to the Department in which the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) is administered;
 - (v) another Commonwealth, State or Territory entity having functions relating to professional services provided by health practitioners or the regulation of health practitioners.
 - h) the practitioner's registration under the law of another country that provides for the registration of health practitioners is suspended or cancelled or made subject to a condition or another restriction.

Change in principal place of practice, address or name

6. A registered health practitioner must, within 30 days of any of the following changes happening, give the National Board that registered the practitioner written notice of the change and any evidence providing proof of the change required by the Board—
 - a) a change in the practitioner's principal place of practice;
 - b) a change in the address provided by the registered health practitioner as the address the Board should use in corresponding with the practitioner;
 - c) a change in the practitioner's name.

Employer's details

7. A National Board may, at any time by written notice given to a health practitioner registered by the Board, ask the practitioner to give the Board the following information—
 - a) information about whether the practitioner is employed by another entity;
 - b) if the practitioner is employed by another entity—
 - (i) the name of the practitioner's employer; and
 - (ii) the address and other contact details of the practitioner's employer.
8. The registered health practitioner must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with the notice.



Consent to nationally coordinated criminal history check

I consent to Ahpra and the National Board, at any time during the next 12 months, obtaining a written report about my criminal history through a nationally coordinated criminal history check. I acknowledge that:

- Ahpra and the National Boards may obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months
- a complete criminal history, including resolved and unresolved charges, spent convictions, and findings of guilt for which no conviction was recorded, will be released to Ahpra and the National Board
- my personal information currently held by Ahpra and from this form will be provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) and Australian police agencies for the purpose of conducting a nationally coordinated criminal history check, including all names under which I am or have been known
- my personal information may be used by police for general law enforcement purposes, including those purposes set out in the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 (Cth)
- my identity information provided with this application will be enrolled with Ahpra and used by Ahpra and the National Board when obtaining a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months
- if I have not provided any identity information with this application, and Ahpra needs to obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months, I will provide the required identity information when requested by Ahpra
- Ahpra may validate documents in support of this application, or that I provide when requested at any time during the next 12 months, as evidence of my identity at any time during the next 12 months
- if and when this application for renewal of registration is granted, Ahpra may obtain a written report about my criminal history at any time during the next 12 months for the purpose of:
 - a) checking a statement made by me in this application for renewal,
 - b) an audit carried out by the National Board,
 - c) assessing my ongoing suitability to hold health practitioner registration, including if a complaint is made about me to Ahpra, or
 - d) considering an application made by me about my health practitioner registration, and
- I may dispute the result of the nationally coordinated criminal history check by contacting Ahpra in the first instance.

Declaration

I **declare** that:

- the statements made, and any documents provided, in support of this application are true and correct, and
- I am the person named in this application and in any documents provided.

I make this declaration in the knowledge that a false declaration amounts to a contravention of the National Law and may lead to refusal of registration or health, conduct or performance action under the National Law.

I **confirm** that if I advertise any of my services or my business, the advertising* complies with section 133 of the National Law and the National Board's Advertising Guidelines as it:

- Is not false, misleading or deceptive or likely to be misleading or deceptive
- does not offer a gift, discount or other inducement without stating the terms and conditions of the offer
- does not use testimonials or purported testimonials about the service or business
- does not create an unreasonable expectation of beneficial treatment, and
- does not directly or indirectly encourage the indiscriminate or unnecessary use of my services.

*For information about advertising obligations please see the advertising resources page on:

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications/Advertising-hub.aspx>

I **acknowledge** that:

- the National Board may validate documents provided in support of this application as evidence of my identity
- failure to complete all relevant sections of this application for renewal of registration and to enclose all supporting documentation may result in this application not being accepted
- notices required under the National Law and other correspondence relating to my application for renewal of registration will be sent to me electronically to me via my nominated email address
- Ahpra uses overseas cloud service providers to hold, process, and maintain personal information where this is reasonably necessary to enable Ahpra to perform its functions under the National Law. These providers include Salesforce, whose operations are located in Japan and the United States of America.

I **undertake** to comply with the all relevant legislation and National Board registration standards, codes and guidelines.

I **understand** that personal information that I provide may be given to a third party for regulatory purposes, as authorised or required by the National Law.

Signature of applicant



SIGN HERE

Name of applicant

Date

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**PART B – To be completed by the supervisor****SECTION K: Supervisor details****36. What are the details of the supervisor?**

Applicants granted limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice must only practise under supervision in accordance with an approved supervised practice plan.

Refer to the Supervised Practice Framework available at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Policies-Codes-Guidelines for further information including the documents need to be attached with this application.

The nominated supervisor must meet the requirements outlined in the Supervised Practice Framework.

Provide supervisor details below

MR MRS MISS MS DR OTHER

Family (legal) name of primary supervisor

First given name

Registration number

Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

City/Suburb/Town

State/Territory (e.g. VIC, ACT)

Postcode

Business phone

Mobile

Email



You **must** attach a curriculum vitae for the supervisor detailing the practice undertaken since registration and the current position of the supervisor.

It is important that you refer to *Curriculum vitae* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form for **mandatory requirements** of the CV. Your curriculum vitae will further inform the Board in relation to your recency of practice and registration history.

SECTION L: Supervisor's consent

In accordance with the Supervised Practice Framework, supervisors are required to complete a supervised practice plan available at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Policies-Codes-Guidelines

I have completed the supervised practice plan as required.

Name of primary supervisor

Date

Signature of primary supervisor



SIGN HERE



PART C – To be completed by the employer

SECTION M: Employer details

37. What are the details of the employer?

i You **must** provide an employer contact person (e.g. the name of the human resource manager/practice manager) and email address for receipt of notifications.

Provide employer details below

Name of employer organisation

MR MRS MISS MS DR OTHER

Family (legal) name of contact

First given name

Address/PO Box (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET; or PO BOX 1234)

City/Suburb/Town

State/Territory (e.g. VIC, ACT) Postcode

Business phone Mobile

Email

38. What is the title of the supervised practice position for which limited registration for supervised practice is being sought?

i This title should be the same as that listed question 28.

Title of the position

i You **must** attach details a position description including:

- key selection criteria addressing clinical responsibilities of the role, and
- qualifications and experience required.

SECTION N: List of sites

39. What are the names and addresses of all sites (maximum of two) of supervised practice for which limited registration is being sought?

Site/Building (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town

State/Territory (e.g. VIC, ACT) **Postcode**



Site/Building (if applicable)

Address (e.g. 123 JAMES AVENUE; or UNIT 1A, 30 JAMES STREET)

City/Suburb/Town

State/Territory (e.g. VIC, ACT) **Postcode**

SECTION 0: Employer's consent

I declare that the information provided in this document (including the supervision details) is true and correct.
 I confirm that the applicant named below has been formally offered the position as described in this application.

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PART D – To be completed by the applicant

SECTION P: Payment

You are required to pay BOTH an application fee and a registration fee.

Use the information below to determine your application fee and registration fee. Your registration fee depends on the number of months you will be registered.

Registration period

The period of registration for limited registration commences on the date the Board makes a decision and ends 30 days following the date of the clinical competency in optometry examination (COE). A pro-rata rate applies to periods of registration less than 12 months.

To determine the required registration fee:

1. Calculate the number of months, rounded to the nearest whole month, between the date of application and the date of the COE.
2. Add one month to this number. This represents the date 30 days following the date of the COE.
3. Use this total as the number of whole months in the *Pro-rata table for registration fees* below to determine the anticipated registration fee. If you wish you to be registered for twelve months, use the full registration fee below.

Application fee:	\$231	+	Registration fee:	\$ INSERT FEE	=	Amount payable:	\$ INSERT FEE
			Registration fee	\$347		Applicants must pay 100% of the stated fees at the time of submitting the application.	
			Registration fee for NSW registrants	\$296			

Pro-rata table for registration fees:

Number of months to be registered	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
National fee	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$116	\$145	\$174	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$289	\$318
NSW fee	\$25	\$49	\$74	\$99	\$123	\$148	\$173	\$197	\$222	\$247	\$271

Refund rules

The application fee is non-refundable. The registration fee will be refunded if the application is not approved.

40. Please complete the credit/debit card payment slip below.

Credit/Debit card payment slip – please fill out

<p>Amount payable</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: 2em;">\$</div>	<p>Name on card</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div>
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SECTION Q: Checklist

Have the following items been attached or arranged, if required?

<i>Additional documentation</i>		Attached
Question 1	Evidence of a change of name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 7	A certified copy of a foreign passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 8	Certified copies of all documents that provide sufficient evidence of your identity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 9	Original certified copy of your primary optometry degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 9	A separate sheet with additional qualification details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 10	Certificates of Registration Status or Certificates of Good Standing have been requested from relevant authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 10	A separate sheet with additional registration history details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 11	Your curriculum vitae	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 12	A signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history in Australia and an explanation of the circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 13	A separate sheet of additional overseas countries with criminal history and corresponding ICHC reference number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 13	A signed and dated written statement with details of your criminal history outside Australia and explanation of the circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>
Questions 13 & 14	ICHC reference page provided by the approved vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 14	A separate sheet of additional overseas countries lived in and corresponding ICHC reference number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 15	A separate sheet with any additional qualification details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 15	Transcript(s)/letter(s) from education provider confirming that your course was taught and assessed solely in English	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 17	Copy of your English language test results	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 18	Certified copy of your English language test results	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 18	Evidence of continuous employment as a registered health practitioner in a recognised country where English was the primary language of practice and/or continuous enrolment in an approved program of study	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 20	Details that address the requirements of the Board's recency of practice registration standard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 21	A separate sheet with your impairment details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 22	A separate sheet with your current suspension or cancellation details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 23	A separate sheet with your previous cancellation, refusal or suspension details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 24	A separate sheet with your conditions, undertakings or limitations details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 25	A separate sheet with your disqualification details	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 26	A separate sheet with your conduct, performance or health proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 28	A postgraduate training plan and evidence of enrolment or offer of acceptance from the education provider	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 32	Evidence of enrolment or an offer of acceptance from OCANZ for the ACOT examination	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 33	Documents required under the Supervised Practice Framework	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 36	A curriculum vitae for the supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 38	A position description	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment		
	Application fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration fee	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please post this form with payment and required attachments to:

Ahpra
GPO Box 9958
IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY (*refer below*)

You may contact Ahpra on
 1300 419 495 or you can lodge an enquiry
 at www.ahpra.gov.au

Sydney NSW 2001	Canberra ACT 2601	Melbourne VIC 3001	Brisbane QLD 4001
Adelaide SA 5001	Perth WA 6001	Hobart TAS 7001	Darwin NT 0801



Information and definitions

CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

DO NOT send original documents unless specified.

Copies of documents provided in support of an application, or other purpose required by the National Law, must be certified as true copies of the original documents. Each and every certified document **must**:

- be in English. If original documents are not in English, you must provide a certified copy of the original document and translation in accordance with Ahpra guidelines, which are available at www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/registration-process
- be initialled on every page by the authorised officer. For a list of people authorised to certify documents, visit www.ahpra.gov.au/certify
- be annotated on the last page as appropriate e.g. 'I have sighted the original document and certify this to be a true copy of the original' and signed by the authorised officer, and
- list the name, date of certification, and contact phone number, and position number (if relevant) and have the stamp or seal of the authorised officer (if relevant) applied.

Certified copies will only be accepted in hard copy by mail or in person (not by fax, email, etc). Photocopies of previously certified documents will not be accepted. For more information, Ahpra's guidelines for certifying documents can be found online at www.ahpra.gov.au/certify

CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or any of the documentation you are providing in support of your application is in another name(s).

Evidence must be a certified copy of one of the following documents:

- Standard marriage certificate (ceremonial certificates will not be accepted).
- Deed poll.
- Change of name certificate.

Faxed, scanned or emailed copies of certified documents will not be accepted.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Criminal history includes the following, whether in Australia or overseas, at any time:

- every conviction of a person for an offence
- every plea of guilty or finding of guilt by a court of the person for an offence, whether or not a conviction is recorded for the offence, and
- every charge made against the person for an offence.

Under the National Law, spent convictions legislation does not apply to criminal history disclosure requirements. Therefore, you must disclose your complete criminal history as detailed above, irrespective of the time that has lapsed since the charge was laid or the finding of guilt was made. The Board will decide whether your criminal history is relevant to the practice of your profession. You are not required to obtain or provide your Australian criminal history report, Ahpra will obtain this check on your behalf. But if you have not given us certified proof of identity documents since October 2019, you will need to do this first.

Any document containing a photograph must be annotated with the statement '*I certify that this a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me.*'

You may be required to obtain international criminal history reports.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards

and the requirements for supplying proof of identity and certified documents at www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Proof-of-Identity and www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Certifying-Documents

CURRICULUM VITAE

Your curriculum vitae **must**:

- detail any gaps in your practice history of more than three months from the date you obtained your qualification

- indicate whether positions were undertaken full-time or part-time, and specify the nature of any practice (e.g. provision of clinical care, management, administration, regulatory or policy development role)
- detail your continuing professional development over the last three years and refer to the Board's registration standard and guidelines for continuing professional development on the level of detail required
- be in chronological order
- be signed and dated with a statement 'This curriculum vitae is true and correct as at (insert date)', and be the original signed curriculum vitae (no faxes or scanned copies will be accepted).

It **must** also contain all the elements defined in Ahpra's standard format for curriculum vitae which can be found at www.ahpra.gov.au/cv

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

To be eligible for registration you **must** be able to provide evidence of English language skills that meet the Board's *English language skills registration standard* which can be found at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards

IMPAIRMENT

The National Law defines impairment as 'a physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder (including substance abuse or dependence) that detrimentally affects or is likely to detrimentally affect your capacity to practise the profession'.

An illness or health condition that is safely managed is not the same as impairment, as these do not have a detrimental impact on your capacity to practise. Examples you do not need to tell us about include:

- wearing prescription glasses to correct your vision or hearing aids to correct your hearing, or
- seeing a psychologist for anxiety and following a treatment plan.

The National Law requires you to declare any such impairments at the time of renewal, including details of the impairment and how it is managed.

OPTOMETRY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (OCANZ)

OCANZ is the assigned accreditation authority for the optometry profession. It accredits programs of study leading to registration and/or endorsement with the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) and assesses overseas trained optometrists who are seeking registration with the Board and do not hold approved qualifications. More information can be found at www.ocanz.org

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PLAN

A postgraduate training plan lists the purpose, anticipated duration, location, content and structure of training and the anticipated date of completion.

A template example can be found in the fact sheet at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/Limited-registration-for-postgraduate-training-or-supervised-practice

PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which you use your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in your profession. Practice is not restricted to the provision of direct clinical care. It also includes using professional knowledge in a direct non-clinical 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.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE (PII)

You cannot practise as an optometrist in Australia unless you are covered by your own, or third-party professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements that meet the requirements of the Board's registration standard.

Remember, practising means using your skills and knowledge as a health practitioner in any paid or unpaid role in your profession.

Initial registration and annual renewal of registration requires a declaration that you will be covered for all aspects of practice for the whole period of the registration. You may be covered by your Australian employer's PII – you will need to confirm this with your employer.



For more information, view the full registration standard online at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/Professional-indemnity-insurance

REGENCY OF PRACTICE

To ensure that you are able to practise competently and safely, you must have recent practice in the field in which you intend to work during the period of registration for which you are applying.

The specific requirements for recency mean you must practice the profession a minimum of 450 hours every three years. You must also notify the Board and meet specific requirements if you change to a different field or scope of practice.

For more information, view the full registration standard online at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards

SUPERVISION

Patients have the right to expect delivery of safe, competent and contemporary optometric services at all times, including when care is being provided under supervisory arrangements.

Appropriate supervision provides assurance to the Board and the community that the registrant's practice is safe and is not putting the public at risk.

Applicants granted limited registration for post graduate training or supervised practise must only practice under supervision in accordance with an approved supervised practice plan.

Refer to the Board's Supervised Practice Framework available at www.optometryboard.gov.au/Policies-Codes-Guidelines for further information including the documents need to be attached with this application.