



AHPRA Management Policy – Regulatory Operations

Operational Policy: Monitoring practitioners not resident in Australia

Division

All Divisions Regulatory Operations

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a consistent approach to the monitoring the practitioner who is not resident in Australia.

Policy statement

When information is received that indicates a practitioner is or will be non-resident in Australia for more than 30 consecutive days, and the practitioner is subject to restrictions which

- relate to the health, conduct or performance of the practitioner, and
- are monitored by an AHPRA jurisdiction, and
- the restrictions require the practitioner to be physically located in Australia in order to comply with the requirements including but not limited to:
 - supervised practice
 - chaperone requirements
 - drug and alcohol screening requirements, and
 - practice audit requirements.

The monitoring plan for restrictions which meet these requirements must be amended in accordance with the Guidelines: Monitoring a practitioner non-resident in Australia, to require the practitioner to provide evidence that they:

- have or intend to leave Australia for more than 30 consecutive days, and
- have not returned to Australia.

Restriction(s) that can be complied with irrespective of the practitioner's location (for example education requirements) must continue to be monitored consistent with the monitoring plan.

Scope, evaluation and review

This operational policy is established in accordance with *Operational Guidance Framework*. It must be used and complied with by all relevant Regulatory Operations staff and decision makers. This operational policy will be reviewed annually.

Appendices

References

Guideline: Monitoring practitioners not resident in Australia

Policy Sponsor

National Director, Compliance

Approved by

Executive Director, Regulatory Operations

Effective date

This policy is effective April 2017 and was updated in July 2018.