

Position Description – Examiner

Model of Assessment for internationally qualified Chinese Medicine Practitioners – OSCE Examiner

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Introduction/Purpose

The Board uses the regulatory examinations to assess if each candidate has the knowledge, clinical skills and professional attributes, as stated in the Professional capabilities for Chinese medicine practitioners, needed to safely and competently practise as an Acupuncturist and/or Chinese herbal medicine practitioner in Australia.

Objective structured clinical exam (OSCE) examiners are required for the Chinese medicine OSCE to support the requirements of the assessment model for internationally qualified Chinese Medicine applicants.

OSCE examiners play a vital role in the process of delivering a reliable and fair assessment process. Examiners will use their professional Chinese medicine knowledge of the nature and culture of the profession to test candidate knowledge and proficiency in an exam-setting.

The OSCE is a station-based examination. It is designed to assess competence and clinical skill performance for overseas-qualified Chinese herbal medicine practitioners and Acupuncturists who apply to register in Australia.

The candidate's performance in the OSCE is observed and assessed by trained examiners using evidence-based assessment criteria matched specifically to the OSCE stations. Assessment criteria have been mapped to the [Professional capabilities for Chinese medicine practitioners](#). The examiner will mark a candidate's performance during and at the conclusion of each OSCE station.

Please refer to the examiner eligibility criteria below for further details.

All examiners will be expected to undertake examiner training comprising both online and face-to-face components. This will be facilitated by Ahpra and supported by a team from the examination location.

Examiner skills and eligibility

The following points outline the **essential** examiner skills and eligibility criteria:

1. Current, unrestricted registration with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) in the divisions of acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine
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2. Relevant academic qualification in Chinese medicine
 3. Chinese medicine practice experience &/or Chinese medicine practice supervision experience within Australia for a minimum of five (5) or more years with demonstrated knowledge of and ability to apply Chinese medicine standards, codes and guidelines
 4. Sound understanding of the professional capabilities for Chinese medicine practitioners (the professional capabilities)
 5. Current Chinese medicine practice &/or Chinese medicine practice supervision role
 6. Ability to attend examinations held in Melbourne but which may be held online or in other states

and territory capital cities.

7. Currently hold or can obtain a Working with Children Check Victoria.

The following examiner skills are desirable but not mandatory:

- Relevant experience in a training and/or education environment, e.g., training and supervision, and management/oversight of health practitioners in a clinical or educational setting