

## Policy – Regulatory examinations

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### Objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) results policy

#### Purpose

This document sets out the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia's (the Board) policy on objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) results for candidates undertaking the Board's regulatory examinations for overseas-qualified Chinese herbal medicine practitioners and acupuncturists who apply for registration to practise in Australia.

This policy applies to all candidates who complete the clinical examination (OSCE).

#### Examination results

The clinical examination overall result is recorded as pass/fail.

To receive an outcome that is a pass, a candidate must:

- Pass station<sup>1</sup> one (1)
- Pass the division specific stations in the relevant division applied for (Chinese herbal medicine practitioner and/or acupuncture)
- Pass three (3) of the four (4) stations common to both divisions excluding station one (1)

A candidate who does not meet the above criteria will receive an overall fail result for the clinical examination.

#### Candidate feedback

Candidates who pass the clinical examination will be advised of the next steps in support of their application for registration in Australia.

Candidates who fail the clinical examination will be given a report that identifies the capability areas where they failed to demonstrate the level of knowledge and/or clinical skills and/or professional attributes necessary to practise as a Chinese medicine practitioner in Australia.

Although there is no limit on the number of times a candidate can repeat the clinical examination, the Board and Ahpra recommend that candidates carefully consider the results of their previous examination(s) before deciding to repeat an examination.

#### Monitoring, evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed from time to time as required. This will generally be at least every three years.

#### Definitions and abbreviations

**Regulatory examinations** are used by the Board to assess overseas-qualified Chinese herbal medicine practitioners and acupuncturists who apply for registration to practise in Australia and who are assessed as holding a qualification that is relevant but not substantially equivalent or based on similar competencies to an Australian Board-approved qualification (and who meet the mandatory registration standards).

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<sup>1</sup> **Stations:** Multiple stations of different tasks relating to a clinical scenario or clinical skill demonstration are set up at the OSCE testing venue. All stations must be completed by a candidate on the same day

## **Associated documents**

*Regulatory examinations candidate handbook – Objective structured clinical examination*

## **Effective date**

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