




Application for Trans Tasman mutual recognition Profession: Chinese medicine

Division 2 of Part 3 of the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act*

This form is to be used by applicants applying for registration as a Chinese medicine registrant in Australia under the Commonwealth *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997*. It is important that you refer to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) registration guidelines before completing this application. Registration standards, codes and guidelines can be found at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au

 **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 National Board and Ahpra protect your personal information in accord with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*. You can find out about how we collect, use and disclose your information in the collection statement at www.ahpra.gov.au/privacy. By signing this form, you confirm that you have read the collection statement.

Our privacy policy explains:


- how you can access and correct the personal information we have about you
- how you can complain to us about a breach of your privacy
- how we will deal with your complaint.

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.**

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

SECTION A: Eligibility for Trans Tasman mutual recognition

1. Do you currently hold practising registration as a Chinese medicine practitioner in New Zealand?

YES

Provide your Chinese medicine registration number in New Zealand

NO



You are not eligible for Trans Tasman mutual recognition. Please use form AGEN-86 or AGOS-86 to apply for general registration as a Chinese medicine practitioner.

2. In New Zealand, Australia or another country:

- are you subject to disciplinary proceedings or any preliminary investigations or action that might lead to disciplinary proceedings
- is your registration cancelled or currently suspended as the result of disciplinary action
- are you personally prohibited from carrying on practice as a Chinese medicine practitioner, and/or
- are you subject to any special conditions as a result of criminal, civil or disciplinary proceedings?

YES, in Australia and/or New Zealand



You are not eligible for Trans Tasman mutual recognition. Please use form AGEN-86 or AGOS-86 to apply for general registration as a Chinese medicine practitioner.

YES, in a country other than Australia or New Zealand



You **must** attach details to this application.

NO



3. In New Zealand, Australia or overseas, are you subject to any special conditions in carrying on your practice as a Chinese medicine practitioner?

YES

NO



You **must** attach to this application details of any special conditions.

SECTION B: Registration type

4. Do you currently hold general registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner in another division in Australia?

YES

NO **Go to the next question**

Details required below – then go to the next question
Registration number

5. In which division(s) of the profession are you applying for registration?



There are no equivalent registration divisions in Australia for the following scopes of practice in New Zealand:

- Chinese medicine specialist;
- Chinese massage (tuina) practitioner; and
- Chinese Medicine Practitioner – Special Purpose.

Mark all options applicable to your application
 Acupuncturist Chinese herbal medicine practitioner

SECTION C: Personal details

The information items in this section marked * will appear on the public register of practitioners. For more information, see *Information on the public register* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.

6. 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.

7. What are your birth and personal 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 fluently other than English (optional)*



SECTION D: 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.

8. You must provide a certified copy of a valid passport (either Australian or Foreign).

i For the passport to be valid, it must be current at the time of application.



You **must** attach a certified copy of a valid 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.

SECTION E: Contact information



The information items in this section marked * will appear on the public register of practitioners. For more information, see *Information on the public register* in the *Information and definitions* section of this form.



Once registered, you can change your contact information at any time. Please go to www.ahpra.gov.au/login to change your contact details using your online account.

9. 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

10. What is your residential address?

i 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)



11. 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

- i** 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***

12. What is your mailing address?

i Your mailing address is used for postal correspondence.

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

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**

Country (if other than Australia)



SECTION F: Qualification for the profession

13. What are the details of the qualification(s) or other method on which your registration in New Zealand is based?

Approved qualification

Title of qualification

Division of registration applicable to

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country or state/territory

Start date Completion date

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

14. What are the details of your qualifications and examinations/assessments?

Most recent qualification and examinations/assessments

Title of qualification

Name of institution (University/College/Examining body)

Country

Start date Completion date

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You **must** attach a certified copy of your original academic transcript and testamur/ qualification certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form.

SECTION G: Suitability statements

Refer to www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards for further information about the requirements set out in the Board's registration standards.

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

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

YES

NO

You must not practise the profession unless you are covered by appropriate PII arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the Board.



SECTION H: 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.



Consent

I consent to the National Board and Ahpra making enquiries of, and exchanging information with, the authorities of any Australian state or territory, or other country, about my practice as a health practitioner or about matters relevant to this application.

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 knowing 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.

* See the advertising hub on the Ahpra website for more information about your advertising obligations


I acknowledge that:

- the National Board may validate documents provided in support of this application as evidence of my identity with a third-party vendor
- failure to complete all relevant sections of this application 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 will be sent to 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.
- Ahpra and the National Board's may exchange information and data about registered health practitioners with external researchers subject to appropriate research ethics approvals. Usually, all identifying personal information will be removed. If identifying personal information is shared with external researchers, we will only share what is necessary for the research, using secure methods, and when appropriate ethics approval has been obtained.

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

I understand that personal information 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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SECTION I: Payment

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

Use the table below to select your application fee and registration fee, depending on the number of division(s) you wish to be registered in. Your registration fee depends on your principal place of practice, as applicants whose principal place of practice is New South Wales are entitled to a rebate from the NSW Government.

Application fee:			Registration fee:			Amount payable:	
\$ INSERT FEE		+	\$ INSERT FEE		=	\$ INSERT FEE	
Number of divisions	Fee		Registration fee	\$512		Applicants must pay 100% of the stated fees at the time of submitting the application.	
One division of the register	\$602		Registration fee for NSW registrants	\$343			
Two divisions of the register	\$712						

i Registration period
 The annual registration period for the Chinese medicine profession is from 1 December to 30 November. If your application is made between 1 October and 30 November this year, you will be registered until 30 November next year.

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

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

Credit/Debit card payment slip – please fill out

Amount payable <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="\$"/>	Name on card <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text"/>
Visa or Mastercard number <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text"/>	Cardholder's signature <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> SIGN HERE </div>
Expiry date <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="MM"/> / <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="text" value="YY"/>	



SECTION J: Checklist

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

<i>Additional documentation</i>		Attached
Question 2	Details of any disciplinary proceedings, preliminary investigations, action that may lead to disciplinary proceedings, cancellations, suspensions, prohibitions and/or special conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 3	Details of any special conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 6	Evidence of a change of name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 8	A certified copy of a foreign passport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 13	A separate sheet with your qualification details or other methods on which your registration is based	<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 14	A certified copy of your original academic transcript and testamur/qualification certificate that indicates completion of the qualification mentioned in this form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment		
	Application fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Registration fee	<input type="checkbox"/>



Do not email this form.

Please submit this completed form and supporting evidence using the Online Upload Service at www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload.
You may contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495

Information and definitions

CERTIFYING DOCUMENTS

DO NOT send original documents.

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.aspx
- 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,
- for documents containing a photograph, the following certification statement must be included by the authorised officer, 'I certify that this is a true copy of the original and the photograph is a true likeness of the person presenting the document as sighted by me', along with their signature, 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 via the Online Upload Service at www.ahpra.gov.au/registration/online-upload. 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.aspx

CHANGE OF NAME

You must provide evidence of a change of name if you have ever been formally known by another name(s) or if 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
- 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.chinesemedicineboard.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



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 application, including details of the impairment and how it is managed.

PRACTICE

Practice means any role, whether remunerated or not, in which the individual uses their skills and knowledge as a practitioner in their regulated health 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 patients or clients, working in management, administration, education, research, advisory, regulatory or policy development roles and any other roles that impact on safe, effective delivery of health services in the health profession.

PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE (PII)

You cannot practise as a Chinese Medicine practitioner 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. You need to understand how you are covered.

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

Chinese Medicine practitioners are exempt from requiring PII when:

- the scope of practice of an individual practitioner does not include the provision of healthcare or opinion in respect of the physical or mental health of any person
- a practitioner has statutory exemption from liability. That is, they are employed as a practitioner or are in another arrangement and are exempted from liability under state or Commonwealth legislation, or
- practitioners are registered in Australia but are practising exclusively overseas.

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.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards

TRANSLATING DOCUMENTS

For documents translated in Australia, the translator must be accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI), see www.naati.com.au. For documents translated overseas, see www.fit-ift.org for a list of authorities who provide certified translations.

Translations prepared by people familiar with the language of origin, including relatives, friends, acquaintances or other volunteer agencies will not be accepted. For more information, please refer to *Translating documents* at www.ahpra.gov.au/translate