

Guide for Overseas Qualified Professionals

This is a guide for overseas qualified professionals wishing to work in Australia. In most cases you must register to work in your profession. To register, your qualifications will need to meet Australian standards. Fill out the guide below to determine your pathway to working in Australia.

Registration: Identify the key body you will need to be registered with to work (ie. the State or National Board of your profession, you may also need to register with the state government in the state you are intending to work in).

Answer the following questions:

- Who do I need to be registered with?

- How do I apply for registration?

- Where/ when can I apply for registration?

Accreditation: Identify the key body that will accredit (assess) your qualifications (this can be the same as the registration body, or may be different. If it is different, usually the registration body will direct you to the appropriate accreditation body):

Answer the following questions:

- Who can assess my qualifications?

- How do I apply for assessment?

- Where/ when can I apply for assessment?

Competency Assessments: Identify any assessments you must complete. In some cases you may have to complete assessments to gain registration or to support the accreditation of your qualification:

Documents: you will need to provide documentation for both registration and accreditation. It is likely you will require some or all of the following (tick the ones you will require):

- Proof of qualification complete, such as a testamur or certification of completion from the awarding academic institution.
- Academic transcripts.
- Course handbooks.
- Proof of placements or required work to complete your qualifications.
- Proof of registration in a foreign country if you have already been working professionally.
- Personal identification such as a Passport.
- A CV/ Resume outlining your professional experience and qualifications gained.
- Reference letters from previous employers or registering bodies.
- VISA and working rights.
- Proof of English Language Proficiency.

Essential Information to consider:

- Fees (both registration and accreditation will require fees to be paid):
- Time estimates (assessments, accreditation and registration may be subject to time restraints or pre-set schedules):
- English Language Proficiency: In most cases, you will need to provide evidence of your English Language Proficiency. Ensure you check with the registering body which tests are required as some only accept specific tests.