



INTERIM POLICY

Public Interest Limited Registration – Registration of Overseas Speakers

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Background

Limited registration in the public interest is for dental practitioners who do not qualify for general or specialist registration, but in order to undertake practise in Australia are required, under the National Law, to be registered by the Board. These dental practitioners will usually be visiting from overseas for a short period and hold relevant qualifications in the division of dental practitioners and want to undertake, for example; clinical presentations, assist in an unexpected situation where a natural disaster has occurred or a pandemic was declared where dental practitioners were urgently needed, or fill a short term locum position or a short term exchange of practice with a dental practitioner.

In order to grant Limited registration in the public interest the Board must be satisfied that it is in the public interest for the dental practitioner to practise the profession given the dental practitioner's qualifications and experience.

Policy

The Board has agreed to an interim policy position until 30 June 2012:

Overseas qualified dental practitioners are not required to have limited registration in the public interest where they are making a presentation or speaking or lecturing which does not involve (hands on) clinical practise.

The Overseas qualified dental practitioners must not:

- a. undertake clinical practise or supervise dental practitioners in any capacity in Australia; or
- b. use a protected title under the National Law or hold themselves out as a registered dental practitioner in Australia.

Note: The Board has published a Fact Sheet entitled *When it is necessary to be registered as a dental practitioner?* (released on 23 March 2012) which provides additional information.