TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION (TTMR) ACT 1997

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

October 2018
Nurses who have current registration in Australia may apply for registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (the Council) under the TTMR Act.

The three scopes of practice that have mutual recognition are:

1. Enrolled nurse
2. Registered nurse
3. Nurse practitioner

Conditions may be placed on an individual's scope of practice to clarify the practice setting and/or specify any other conditions determined by the Council.

Registration occurs once all documents and verification of good standing from AHPRA have been received (usually within five to ten working days). Once you are registered you will need to apply for an annual practising certificate which entitles you to practise in New Zealand.

**How much does it cost to apply for registration?**

The application for registration fee is NZD340.

**Application process**

1. **Passport**
   - You must supply a certified copy of the page of your current passport which contains your personal details and a clear photograph of you.

2. **Evidence of registration**
   - You must supply evidence of current registration from AHPRA.
3. **Evidence of name change (if applicable)**
   If you have used another name in formal or legal documents, you must supply a certified copy of evidence of a change in name (for example, a marriage certificate).

4. **Qualification leading to initial registration (if applicable)**
   If you registered initially in another country prior to registering in Australia, you must supply a certified copy of your initial nursing qualification.

**Checklist**

- Certified copy of your passport
- Certified evidence of current registration
- Certified copy of evidence of a name change (if applicable)
- Certified copy of your initial nursing qualification (if applicable)

**FAQs**

*I am registered as a nurse in Australia. Can I apply for TTMR?*
Yes, if you are currently registered as a nurse in Australia. If your registration has lapsed, or you have never been registered in Australia, you can't apply for registration under TTMR in New Zealand.

*I do not have two years post registration experience. Can I still apply?*
Yes, you can still apply if you hold current registration with AHPRA.

*Have you received my application?*
Please check your dashboard.

*Who can verify my supporting documents?*
Your documents must be verified as a true copy of the original by a lawyer/ solicitor, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or other person authorized to make a statutory declaration.

*Can my documents be certified outside of Australia?*
Yes, your documents can be certified outside of Australia.
How long does the TTMR process take?
We aim to complete the assessment of your application within five to ten working days of receiving all required documentation.

Do I need to provide an employment letter?
No, we do not require an employment letter for TTMR registrations.

Do I need to provide evidence of my registration?
Yes, we require evidence of your Australian registration.

Do I need to complete a criminal record check?
No, you do not need to complete a criminal record check.

I have conditions on my scope of practice, can I still apply?
Yes, you can still apply for registration in New Zealand. We will review the conditions on your scope of practice, and place reciprocal conditions on your New Zealand scope of practice.

Can I withdraw my application?
You can withdraw your application at any stage. However, the fee you have paid for your application is non-refundable at any stage.

How do I apply for my annual practicing certificate?
To start nursing practice, you will need to apply for an annual practising certificate (APC). All nurses must hold an APC before they begin nursing in New Zealand. Please click here for more information.

If your application is successful, you will be sent information on how to apply for a practising certificate, and the fee required.

Definitions

Certified copy is a photocopy that has been stamped and endorsed by a person who confirms that the copy is a true copy of the original document. A certified copy must be stamped as true copies of the original by a person authorised by law to make statutory declarations in your country e.g. Justice of the Peace, lawyer, notary public or court official.

Marriage certificate is an official document containing information about a person’s marriage.
Review

Last reviewed: October 2018.

This standard will be reviewed by March 2019.