



## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (TTMR) Act 1997

Nurses with current registration in Australia may apply to the Nursing Council of New Zealand (the Council) for registration under the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (TTMR) Act 1997. This Act provides for mutual recognition of equivalent registration and a streamlined registration process if the requirements outlined below are met.

A nurse seeking registration in New Zealand via the TTMR Act must give notice in writing to the Council. The applicant must provide the information provided by s19(2) of the TTMR Act.

### Application Process

1. You must complete the TTMR application form

2. The following must be attached:

- Certified copy of passport
- Certified copy of registration certificate **OR**
- Print out of your registration from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website **OR**
- Certified copy of current practising certificate

Documents must be certified as a true copy of the original by a lawyer/solicitor, a justice of the peace, notary public or other person authorised to witness a statutory declaration

3. Applications will be processed **only** when the required fee has been paid. A total fee of **NZ \$295.00** is required for TTMR applications for registration as a nurse in New Zealand. This registration fee is non-refundable.

4. After the required documentation is submitted and verification of your registration is confirmed as a TTMR applicant, you are granted deemed registration in New Zealand. This means that you are entitled to practise in New Zealand pending registration subject to an application received together with the fee, the required documentation and any conditions that the Council might impose.

5. Full registration is granted following formal consideration of your application by the Council.

You can apply for your New Zealand Annual Practising Certificate (APC) once you have been granted registration. Information on how to apply for your practising certificate and on the required fee will be included in your letter confirming your registration.

6. The Council maintains a register of all nurses registered with the Council. Registration is for life, unless the nurse's name is removed from the register for disciplinary (or other) reasons.

7. Once a nurse is registered under TTMR to practice in New Zealand (s)he comes under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act) which came into force on 18 September 2004. The principal purpose of the Act is to protect the health and safety of members of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure health practitioners are competent and fit to practise their professions. The Act requires that nurses must be registered in a scope of practice.

## Scopes of practice

The Council maintains a register of all nurses registered with the Council. Nurses are registered in the following scopes of practice:

- Registered nurse
- Enrolled nurse (*Overseas-educated second-level nurses will be registered under the Act as enrolled nurses*)
- Nurse practitioner

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

### Please also note the following:

- The Council may postpone or refuse registration if any of the application information is false or misleading; if any of the required information has not been provided; or if the prescribed fees have not been paid. If information provided to support an application for registration is found to be false, forged or altered, the application will be cancelled and the appropriate authorities will be informed.
- You will be informed in writing of the outcome of your application. If for any reason your application is postponed or declined, you will be informed on the reason for this.
- Once a nurse is registered in New Zealand and holds an APC authorising him/her to practise, (s)he will be subject to all the laws of New Zealand applicable to nurses.
- Under the TTMR Act the Council may impose similar conditions on nursing registration which apply in Australia, to New Zealand registration.

**A reference number will be allocated on receipt of your application form and payment of the required fee. Please use this number while your application is being processed. Once you are registered you will be given a registration number and this must then be used for all future communication.**

# TTMR Act Application Process

