

Transitional arrangements for the new *Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines*

Effective from: 1 August 2018

Background

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) has a new *Endorsement for scheduled medicines registration standard* (ESM registration standard) and *Guidelines for endorsement for scheduled medicines* (ESM guidelines) that come into effect on 1 August 2018.

The Board has developed transitional arrangements to help ensure a smooth transition to the new ESM registration standard.

Do the transitional arrangements apply to me?

The transitional arrangements apply to practitioners who at 1 August 2018 are working towards endorsement for scheduled medicines under Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard but have not submitted an application for endorsement for scheduled medicines.

Different arrangements will apply, depending on how far a practitioner has progressed under Pathway 2.

The transitional arrangements apply to practitioners who:

- have an approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics
- have successfully completed web-based case studies, and
- may or may not have commenced a period of supervised practice.

There are different arrangements for:

- practitioners who **have started** a period of supervised practice under Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard, and
- practitioners who **have not started** a period of supervised practice under Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard.

A flow chart summarising the transitional arrangements can be found on the [Board's website](#).

The transitional arrangements are set out below. Practitioners should choose the scenario that reflects their circumstances.

1. I have started a period of supervised practice under Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard and want to apply for endorsement under that pathway

If, at 1 August 2018 you have started a period of supervised practice in accordance with Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard and have not yet submitted an application for endorsement, but want to apply under Pathway 2:

- By **1 September 2018**, you must submit to AHPRA:
 - evidence of your approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics (not more than seven years old)

- evidence of successful completion of web-based case studies (completed not more than three years ago), and
- a signed supervisory agreement (dated and signed before 1 August 2018).

A form for submitting these documents will be published on the Endorsement for scheduled medicines page of the Board's website on 1 August 2018, when the new ESM registration standard takes effect.

- You have **12 months** from the date of the signed supervisory agreement to complete the requirements of the current Pathway 2 and submit your application for endorsement, together with the required supporting documentation, including 40 log sheets for assessment.
- No extensions to the period of supervised practice will be granted.
- Applications submitted under this transitional arrangement will be assessed against the requirements for Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard.
- No applications under this transitional pathway will be accepted after 1 August 2019.

2. I have started a period of supervised practice under Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard and want to apply for endorsement under Pathway B of the new ESM registration standard

If, at 1 August 2018 you have started a period of supervised practice in accordance with Pathway 2 of the current ESM registration standard and have not yet submitted an application for endorsement, but want to apply under Pathway B of the new ESM registration standard:

- You do not need to apply to commence supervised practice, but you must submit to AHPRA **by 1 September 2018**:
 - evidence of your approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics (not more than seven years old)
 - evidence of successful completion of web-based case studies (completed not more than three years ago), and
 - a signed supervisory agreement (dated and signed before 1 August 2018).

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- If you will be **applying for endorsement** under this transitional arrangement:
 - **before 1 December 2018** you do not have to submit any clinical studies for initial assessment, and
 - **after 1 December 2018** you must submit three clinical studies for initial assessment in accordance with the requirements of the new ESM registration standard and guidelines.
- You have **12 months** from the date of the signed supervisory agreement to complete the requirements of the new Pathway B and submit your application for endorsement for scheduled medicines, together with the required supporting documentation, including a portfolio of evidence.
- Your application and your portfolio of evidence will be assessed against the requirements for Pathway B of the new ESM registration standard and the updated *National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List* attached to that standard.
- No applications under this transitional pathway will be accepted after 1 August 2019.

3. I have a qualification in podiatric therapeutics, have completed web-based case studies, and have a signed supervisory agreement but have not commenced a period of supervised practice

- You must meet **all of the requirements for Pathway B** of the new ESM registration standard, including applying to commence supervised practice and submitting the following documents:
 - evidence of approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics (must be current – i.e. not more than seven years old)

- evidence of successful completion of web-based case studies (must be current – i.e. completed not more than three years before applying to commence supervised practice), and
 - signed supervisory agreement (dated and signed before 1 August 2018).
- The Board will accept evidence of completion of ‘web-based case studies’ under the new Pathway B as long as the web-based case studies are current – i.e. completed not more than three years before applying to commence supervised practice.
 - The Board will accept a ‘signed supervisory agreement’ under the new Pathway B for 12 months after the commencement date of the new ESM registration standard.
 - You must not commence a period of supervised practice until advised in writing that the Board is satisfied the prerequisites for supervised practice have been met.
- 4. I have a qualification in podiatric therapeutics and have completed web-based case studies but do not have a signed supervisory agreement and have not commenced a period of supervised practice**
- You must meet **all of the requirements for Pathway B** of the new ESM registration standard, including applying to commence supervised practice and submitting the following documents:
 - evidence of approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics (must be current – i.e. not more than seven years old)
 - evidence of successful completion of web-based case studies (must be current – i.e. completed not more than three years before applying to commence supervised practice), and
 - a signed mentor agreement
 - The Board will accept evidence of completion of ‘web-based case studies’ under the new Pathway B as long as the web-based case studies are current – i.e. completed not more than three years before applying to commence supervised practice.
 - You must not commence a period of supervised practice until advised in writing that the Board is satisfied the prerequisites for supervised practice have been met.

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