

The role of the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC)

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The Australian Pharmacy Council through a standing committee, the Australian Pharmacy Examining Committee (APEC), conducts two processes for registration of overseas pharmacists (Stream A and Stream B).

In the case of overseas pharmacists whose qualifications were obtained in Canada, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom or the United States of America, in these countries, the Australian Pharmacy Council:

- o acknowledges there is a legislative basis for registration / licensure of pharmacists
- o considers the practice of pharmacy to be substantially equivalent to Australia
- o considers the level of competency required to practise pharmacy to be substantially equivalent to Australia.

Pharmacists from these countries may be eligible to undergo the Stream B process where as pharmacists from all other countries may be eligible to undertake the Stream A process.

Policy

Overseas trained pharmacists (other than those registered in New Zealand) who propose to seek registration in Victoria are required in the first instance to make an application to the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) and complete the APC process for registration.

APC may be contacted as follows:

Australian Pharmacy Council
PO Box 269
Civic Square ACT 2608
Tel (02) 6247 5088
Fax (02) 6247 9611
E-mail apec@pharmacycouncil.org.au
Website www.pharmacycouncil.org.au

Applicants are required to seek details regarding the APC process for registration directly from the APC. The APC will advise eligible candidates when to contact the Board regarding commencement of supervised practice.

(Note: Prior to being assessed as eligible to proceed to undertaking supervised training in Victoria as part of the APC process, and being awarded provisional registration status by the Board, overseas trained pharmacists do not have any formal status in Victorian pharmacy practice and, if employed in a pharmacy or pharmacy department, must not be employed in any professional capacity. They may however, be employed as [dispensary technicians](#) subject to completion of a Board approved course and fulfilling the requirements for employing dispensary technicians set by the Board).