

HEALTH PROMOTION PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) National Accreditation Organisation

What is a National Accreditation Organisation (NAO)?

A NAO is authorised by the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) to undertake and maintain the national registration of practitioners and to ensure that the practitioners are eligible to use the title 'IUHPE Registered Health Promotion Practitioner'.

How is a National Accreditation Organisation governed?

NAOs are required to establish a formal governance structure by establishing a Management Committee and sub-committees that ensure all functions, roles and tasks are clear and understood.

How did the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) become a National Accreditation Organisation?

AHPA successfully applied to the IUHPE to be the NAO for Australia.

Does AHPA, as the Australian NAO, provide accreditation of health promotion courses?

No, the accreditation of health promotion courses is the role of the IUHPE Global Accreditation Organisation. It is the responsibility of individual universities - independently of AHPA - to apply for their courses to be accredited by IUHPE.

How do institutions involved in education apply for accreditation directly through the IUHPE?

Information about applying to become an 'IUHPE Accredited Health Promotion Course' is available at the IUHPE website: <https://www.iuhpe.org/index.php/en/health-promotion-courses>

Is registration recognised by the Australia Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)?

No, it is not recognised by AHPRA because AHPA, as the NAO in Australia, does not currently have an agreement in place with AHPRA.

Application Process

How do I apply to become a Registered Health Promotion Practitioner?

Australian health promotion practitioners apply via an online application process on the AHPA website: <https://registration.healthpromotion.org.au>

Does everyone have to complete the application form to become a Registered Health Promotion Practitioner?

If an applicant has completed an [IUHPE accredited health promotion course](#), they just need to provide evidence that they are a graduate of the course, pay their fee, and then they become registered.

Please note the course must have been registered with the IUHPE at the time you completed your studies for your application to be eligible for this option.

OR

If the course is not accredited, the applicant must complete the online application, which asks for details and documentation about how they have achieved health promotion competencies (i.e. via study and/or work experience).

Do I need to be a member of the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA) to apply?

No, but the registration fee is less if you are a member. For more details about becoming an AHPA member visit: <https://www.healthpromotion.org.au/join-now>

How are applications assessed?

Applications for registration will be assessed by the Registration Committee that has been established as part of the National Accreditation Organisation. The assessment process for initial registration or re-registration (required every three years after initial registration) of health promotion practitioners may result in applicants being:

- Registered.
- Not registered, but eligible for registration on provision of additional information and/or clarification of details. The additional information must meet the registration criteria.
- Denied registration based on failure to meet criteria or non-payment of required fees.

When will I be able to apply for registration?

Applications can be made at any time. The time required for the National Accreditation Organisation to process your application will depend on the volume of applications and the capacity of Registration Committee (all of whom are volunteers) to assess applications.

How should I go about answering the application questions?

Tips for applicants include:

- Use the sample application form that can be found [here](#) to draft your application.
- Respond to the criteria as you would the selection criteria for a job application.
- Although most health promotion work is conducted in partnership with others, you will need to be clear and specific about your individual role in the examples you use to demonstrate you meet each competency (e.g. use “I” statements).
- In the evidence that you provide to support your application, include documents with your name on them or that clearly indicate your role. For example, rather than providing a final copy of a report, provide a working draft that shows your contribution. Other useful documentation includes evidence of participation in relevant meetings (e.g. meeting minutes) or presentations you have given.
- Use the same language as the [competency descriptions](#) to describe your experience.

Eligibility

What are the eligibility criteria for being a Registered Health Promotion Practitioner?

Option one

Have a graduate (Bachelor) or postgraduate (Masters) qualification from a health promotion course which is [accredited](#) at the time of graduation within the IUHPE system.

Option two

Have a graduate (Bachelor) or postgraduate (Masters) qualification from a health promotion course which is not accredited within the IUHPE system or from a course in [another relevant discipline](#).

AND

Have a minimum of two years’ experience in health promotion practice in the past five years.

AND

Satisfy the criteria as required by the IUHPE in the application process.

Option three

Have a minimum of three years’ experience in health promotion practice in the past five years. This applies to practitioners who do not hold a graduate (Bachelor) or postgraduate (Masters) qualification.

AND

Satisfy the criteria as required by the IUHPE in the application process.

Please note that IUHPE has advised that this option is currently only available until September 2026.

Decisions

What happens if my application to be registered is successful?

If the application is successful and the fees are paid, the applicant's name will be added to the IUHPE and AHPA professional registers. The applicant will be awarded the professional title of 'IUHPE Registered Health Promotion Practitioner' and receive a registration certificate via email.

If my application to be registered is denied due to failure to meet the criteria, am I able to reapply?

Yes, you can reapply. Feedback will be provided in areas where extra information is required. If you are unsure about your eligibility or have any queries prior to making a submission, please email assessment@healthpromotion.org.au

Can I appeal if I don't agree with the decision of the Registration Committee?

Yes, an appeals process is available to those practitioners who have been denied registration. For more information on the appeals process please email NAO@healthpromotion.org.au

Is it mandatory for employers to employ Registered Health Promotion Practitioners?

No, the registration system offers employers an opportunity to identify applicants who have become Registered Health Promotion Practitioners on the IUHPE and AHPA registers, but the decision to make this a mandatory criterion for employment will be at the employer's discretion.

Application fees

How much will it cost to be registered?

There are two fees:

1. An administration fee to submit your application, which is a one-off payment of \$38.50 (inc. GST); and
2. The registration fee, which is an annual fee.

If you are an existing AHPA member, the annual fee is \$44.00 (inc. GST).

If you are not an AHPA member, the annual fee is \$313.50 (inc. GST).

To find out more about AHPA membership fees, visit: <https://www.healthpromotion.org.au/join-now>

If I am an AHPA member and pay the AHPA member registration fee, do I have to maintain my AHPA membership for the full three-year registration period?

Yes. If you discontinue your AHPA membership during the three-year registration period, you will be invoiced at the non-member rate which you will need to pay for your registration to continue.

How long does registration last?

Successful applicants are registered for a period of three years. During the three-year period practitioners are required to pay the annual registration fee.

AND

Undertake Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities, which will be the basis for re-registration.

What happens at the end of my three-year registration period?

After three years you will need to reapply for registration. This will involve providing details about Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities that have been completed during that registration period.

How much CPD will I be required to undertake to be eligible for re-registration at the end of the three-year registration period?

75 hours of CPD is required to be completed over the three-year registration period.

For further details on re-registration including eligible CPD activities, visit:

<https://www.healthpromotion.org.au/our-profession/practitioner-registration>

Re-registration

How do I apply to re-register?

When you are due for re-registration, you will receive an email notification (to the same email address that you used for your original registration application) with instructions about how to re-register. For further details on re-registration, visit <https://www.healthpromotion.org.au/our-profession/practitioner-registration>