

## Frequently Asked Questions: IUHPE Health Promotion Practitioner Registration Model

**Question:** How did the Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) become a National Accreditation Organisation (NAO)?

**Answer:** AHPA successfully applied to the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) to be the NAO for Australia.

**Question:** Who do I need to apply to if I want to be a registered Health Promotion Practitioner?

**Answer:** Australian Health Promotion Practitioners apply to AHPA via an on-line application process on the AHPA website (note: currently under development).

**Question:** What is the eligibility criteria for being a registered health promotion practitioner?

**Answer:** To be eligible for registration you must either:

- Have a graduate (Bachelor) or postgraduate (Masters) qualification from a Health Promotion course which is accredited within the IUHPE Accreditation System  
OR
- Have a graduate (Bachelor) or postgraduate (Masters) qualification from a Health Promotion course which is not accredited within the Accreditation 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 plus satisfy criteria as required by IUHPE (note: details of criteria are available in the 'sample application form' in the 'Health Promotion Practitioner' section of the IUHPE website.)  
OR
- Have a minimum of three years' experience in Health Promotion practice in the past five years. This applies to practitioners who are not a graduate of an accredited course or of courses as described above. This route is available for the first five years of the System only.

**Question:** How are applications assessed?

**Answer:** Applications for registration will be assessed by the National Accreditation Assessment Committee that is established by the NAO.

The assessment process for the registration/re-registration of Health Promotion practitioners may result in applicants being:

- Registered
- Not registered, but eligible for registration on provision of additional information/clarification within an agreed time period. Details of information required to meet the criteria will be provided
- Denied registration based on failure to meet criteria or non-payment of required fees.

**Question:** What happens if my application to be registered is successful?

**Answer:** If the application is successful and the fees are paid, the applicant's name will be added to the professional register, and the applicant will be awarded the professional title 'IUHPE Health Promotion Practitioner'.

**Question:** Can I appeal if I don't agree with the decision of the National Accreditation Assessment Committee?

**Answer:** Yes, an Appeals Procedure is available to those practitioners who have been denied entry to the register and who wish to appeal the decision.

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

**Answer:** Yes, you can reapply. Feedback will be provided in areas where extra information is required.

**Question:** How long does a registration last?

**Answer:** Successful applicants are registered for a period of 3 years. Over the intervening period registered practitioners are required to undertake Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities, which will be the basis for re-registration.

**Question:** When will I be able to apply for registration?

**Answer:** AHPA will develop an intake schedule that aligns with the NAO assessment timetable. We are planning for this to commence mid 2017. (e.g. there could be 3 assessment sessions per year).

**Question:** How much will it cost to be registered?

**Answer:** There are two fees.

(1) An administration fee (i.e. to submit application) \$35.00 and

(2) The Registration fee which is for three years: AHPA member = \$120; non AHPA members = \$855.

**Question:** If I am registered as an AHPA member and pay the AHPA member registration fee, do I have to maintain my AHPA membership for the full 3-year registration period?

**Answer:** If you discontinue your AHPA membership during the 3-year registration period, you will be invoiced for the pro rata non-AHPA rate for the remaining period of your registration. If you do not pay the invoice, you will be deregistered.

**Question:** What happens at the end of my 3-year registration period?

**Answer:** After 3 years, the practitioner is required to re-apply for registration. This will involve providing details of Continuing Professional Development activities that have been completed during the past 3 years. More information will be available on eligible CPD ASAP

**Question:** How much CPD will I be required to undertake to be eligible for re-registration at the end of the 3-year registration period?

**Answer:** 120 hours of CPD is required to be completed over the 3-year registration period. Further details on eligible CPD activities will be provided.

**Question:** What is a National Accreditation Organisation (NAO)?

**Answer:** NAOs are authorised by the IUHPE to undertake and maintain the national registration of practitioners and to ensure that the practitioners are eligible to use the title 'IUHPE Health Promotion Practitioner'.

**Question:** How is a NAO governed?

**Answer:** NAOs are required to establish a formal governance structure for their accrediting role by establishing a Management Committee and sub-committees that ensure that all functions, roles and tasks are clear and understood.

**Question:** Is it mandatory for employers to employ registered health promotion practitioners?

**Answer:** No, the registration system offers employers an opportunity to identify applicants who have become a registered health promotion practitioner (and satisfied the eligibility criteria) but the decision to make this a mandatory criterion for employment will be at the employer's discretion.

**Question:** Is registration recognised by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)?

**Answer:** No, it is not an AHPRA registration.