

Advanced Practice Re-credentialing Application Pack

Advanced Practice Recognition exists to provide osteopaths with the opportunity to be recognised for their continued professional and educational attainment of advanced clinical skills in their chosen focus area.

The Advanced Practice Recognition program aims to create a culture of clinical excellence in the interest of all health stakeholders not only to further quality healthcare but also to promote peer education and mentoring support systems. The Advanced Practitioner Title allows the public, fellow osteopaths, and other health practitioners find highly skilled and knowledgeable osteopaths within occupational health and workplace rehabilitation, providing quality options for all.

To ensure that Advanced Practitioners continue to maintain a high level of skill and knowledge within their advanced scope of practice a recredentialing process is undertaken every three years. This process will involve an advanced practitioner demonstrated continued professional development, quality improvement in practice and commitment to continued future planning.

General Requirements

- A current practicing membership of Osteopathy Australia
- Current and unrestricted registration with AHPRA and compliance to all codes and guidelines
- Current Advanced Occupational Health Osteopath

Components of recredentialing process

- **Part A - Continued Professional Development** – demonstrated commitment to continuing development and maintaining currency within recognised focus area.
- **Part B - Quality Improvement in Practice Reflection** – reflection on how candidate has furthered good practice, promoted good standards, and has worked to uphold quality in recognised focus area.
- **Part C - Future planning and skills development** – identification of skills and knowledge that will be developed over the next 3-year credential period.
- **Part D - Area for Improvement** – what actions has the candidate undertaken in response to the identified areas for improvement (only applicable if identified at last credentialing period).

- **Part E - Updated CV** – Provide an up to date CV showing the candidate's role within occupational health and workplace rehabilitation.
- **Part F - Candidate Declaration**

Templates and further information provided below.

Lodgement Process

Ensure that you meet the general requirements then complete and email all required components and evidence to cpg@osteopathy.org.au. Please highlight in the subject line '**Recredentialing application – Occupational Health Advanced Practice**'. Please note that the application fee is payable before applications will be assessed.

Application Components

Part A- Continued Professional Development

To satisfy the minimum requirement, any continuing professional development records will demonstrate that a candidate has:

- Made occupational health and related educational topics a focus of a minimum of 30 hours of CPD.
- Accessed learning to diversify, consolidate or grow on clinical reasoning skillsets within recognised occupational health and workplace rehabilitation.
- Not completed the same educational course or courses annually, or courses with a similar focus year on year.
- Certain focus areas will have general expected mandatory requirements that the candidate must produce evidence for, such as First Aid certificates and working with children checks.

Please use the *Professional Development Recording form* to submit details.

Part B – Quality Improvement in Practice Reflection

Candidates are asked to reflect on and demonstrate how they furthered good practice, promoted good standards, and worked to uphold quality within their accredited recognition area. This will involve a short written reflection that provides examples and links these to the core component of the Quality Practice Framework in occupational health and workplace rehabilitation.

Please see *Demonstrated Quality Improvement – Reflection Template* on information on the general structure that reflections should be written within.

Part C – Future Planning and skills development

To demonstrate continued commitment to occupational health the candidate will need to provide details on what skills and/or knowledge that they have mapped out for development and use in the next three-year period.

Please use the *Future Planning and Skills Development Template* that provides questions to be addressed.

Part D – Areas for Improvement

Only to be completed by Advanced Practitioners who had areas for improvement identified in their last credentialing application. **If no areas for improvement were identified Part D does not need to be completed.**

If applicable, the candidate will need to demonstrate what actions they have undertaken in response to the identified areas for improvement and reflect on how this process has changed the way they practice.

Please use the provided *Responding to Areas for Improvement Template* to complete this component.

Part E – Current CV

Candidates are required to provide a CV outlining their clinical objectives and role within occupational health and workplace rehabilitation practice, the services provided to patients, workplaces, and time periods in their initial credentialing process. This must be updated and included in their recredentialing application.

CVs should not be more than four pages in length. Please use the provided template.

Part F – Candidate Declaration

I.....declare:

- I am a practicing member of Osteopathy Australia
- I am currently a recognised Advanced Practitioner with Osteopathy Australia

- I have no conditions or undertakings on the AHPRA register
- I maintain currency and compliance with all AHPRA codes and guidelines for regulated health professionals.

Further, I declare that all information contained within this application and attached documents is accurate at the time of lodgement. I understand my application is retained on file by Osteopathy Australia for up to three years, if applicable until the triennial revalidation of recognition.

I acknowledge Osteopathy Australia and/or its Advanced Practice Recognition panel may seek to verify details provided in this application or may request additional records. By submitting this application, I consent to this follow-up.

I understand any false or misleading information will render my candidacy invalid, now, and potentially in the future.

I acknowledge Osteopathy Australia reserves the right to immediately revoke recognition benefits where they have been awarded based upon false or misleading information.

I declare that I have read, understood, and will abide by the Application Terms and Conditions.

Finally, I recognise an application fee is involved to support system sustainability, remunerate casually appointed reviewers from other professions/bodies, and the osteopathic profession. I recognise that the fee is an individual expense above membership given Advanced Practice Recognition attributes individual promotional privileges.

Signed:

Date completed: __/__/__