



## **POLICY: Granting Provisional Registration under the *Speech Pathologists Registration Act 2001***

### **Background**

In accordance with the *Speech Pathologists Registration Act 2001*, provisional registration may be granted to applicants for general registration, when they are eligible for registration without conditions, in the following circumstances:

- An authorised person may grant provisional registration “because of the period before the board is likely to consider the application in the ordinary course of its business, it is not reasonable for the applicant to have to wait for the board to consider the application” (section 60(2))
- The Board, or an authorised person may grant provisional general registration when they reasonably consider—
  - “(i) an applicant for general registration would be eligible for general registration without conditions, other than for the fact that the relevant qualification relied on by the applicant has not been conferred on, or awarded to, the applicant; and
  - (ii) the applicant is entitled to have the relevant qualification conferred on, or awarded to, him or her” (section 60(4))

The Board has approved Board members as **authorised persons**.

Note: Only Board can grant general registration.

### **Policy**

The Board has determined to limit the granting of Provisional registration by an **authorised person** to the following:

- When:
  - the applicant is a new graduate; OR
  - the applicant’s qualification for registration was awarded less than three years from the date of application

### **AND**

- The qualification on which the application is based is a prescribed qualification under the *Speech Pathologists Registration Regulation 2001* or a submission has been made by the Board for the qualification to be prescribed.

### **AND EITHER**

- There are **exceptional circumstances** requiring the applicant to be registered prior to the next Board meeting. This must be supported by evidence, for example:
  - written notification from an employer advising that the applicant is to commence employment prior to the next Board meeting
  - if a Board meeting is not scheduled in the calendar month following receipt of a complete application.

### **OR**

- The applicant is a new graduate whose name appears on a list of new graduates provided by the relevant University.

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