



Assessment of Overseas Qualified Physiotherapists
for Migration and Registration Purposes

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been prepared by the office of the Australian Physiotherapy Council for the information and guidance of overseas-qualified physiotherapists who are required by the government to undertake an assessment to meet the suitability requirements under the law applying to the skilled migration visa categories and/or in order to meet the qualification requirements under the law applying to registration. It is intended as a guide only, and is not legally binding on any of the bodies or agencies listed. The information given is believed to be accurate at the time of publication; however, requirements for recognition may vary from time to time. Current information is available at www.physiocouncil.com.au

Australia has a federal system of government and is divided into six independently governed States and two Territories; to practise physiotherapy, a recognised physiotherapist must be registered with the local State or Territory physiotherapy registration authority. Until July 1 2010, each Australian State and Territory has separate laws for physiotherapy registration. After July 1 2010, there will be a national law that will apply to all States and Territories. Under Australian laws, unregistered practitioners are not able to use the title of "physiotherapist" or similar titles.

The physiotherapy registration laws in some States and Territories include a special type of temporary registration that enable overseas qualified physiotherapists to be registered to work under supervision under for up to 12 months without completing the assessment process described in this booklet. Physiotherapists seeking registration to practice for up to twelve months are advised to visit the website for each State and Territory to determine whether they meet the criteria to work under supervision with this type of registration. Contact details for each Board are listed at http://www.physiocouncil.com.au/contact_us/other_contacts/registration_boards

Physiotherapists who do not hold an Australian passport, who wish to apply for a skilled visa category to enter or remain in Australia, are required by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to apply to the Australian Physiotherapy Council for assessment of the suitability of their skills and qualifications for the occupation of Physiotherapist for the purpose of migration to Australia.

Physiotherapists who completed their initial physiotherapy qualifications outside Australia and who do not currently have full/unlimited registration to practise physiotherapy in Australia or New Zealand will be assessed by the Australian Physiotherapy Council using a three-part assessment process of the suitability of their skills and qualifications for the occupation of Physiotherapist for the purpose of migration to Australia. The three-part assessment process is also used to assess a physiotherapist's current suitability to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia for registration purposes. Details regarding the three-part assessment process are provided in this booklet.

Physiotherapists who completed their initial physiotherapy qualifications in Australia and the physiotherapy qualification is an entry-level qualification accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council or for physiotherapists who currently have full/unlimited registration to practise physiotherapy in Australia or New Zealand, the Australian Physiotherapy Council will use a one-part assessment process to assess whether your skills and qualifications are suitable for the occupation of Physiotherapist for the purpose of migration to Australia.

Please note that most postgraduate physiotherapy qualifications in Australia are not accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council and are not recognised for registration or migration purposes.

PHYSIOTHERAPY IN AUSTRALIA

Physiotherapy in Australia involves a holistic approach to the prevention, diagnosis, and therapeutic management of disorders of movement or optimisation of function to enhance the health and welfare of the community from an individual or population perspective. The practice of physiotherapy encompasses a diversity of clinical specialties to meet the unique needs of different client groups. Most patients treated by physiotherapists have musculoskeletal, respiratory or neurological disorders.

The practice of physiotherapy in Australia uses an evidence-based, clinical reasoning process. The physiotherapist is a primary contact practitioner and may undertake the following activities: the performance of physiotherapy assessments, including diagnosis, and the treatment of any injury, disease, or other condition of health, or the prevention or rehabilitation of injury, disease, or other condition of health. Physiotherapists may use physical interventions, and/or exercise prescription and/or electrophysical agents within a framework of empowerment of the individual/carer or the community through education. Practice is informed by physiotherapy specific research and the general scientific literature. In this way physiotherapists in Australia engage in evidence-based practice.

Physiotherapists may practise in a general or specialised hospital, or in a specialised unit, for example, intensive care, paediatrics, geriatrics and obstetrics, with in-patients or out-patients. Physiotherapists may also practise in special schools, community health centres, health clinics, nursing homes, psychiatric clinics, government agencies, industry, sports clinics or they may establish a private practice. Some patients are treated at home or, in some Australian States, through domiciliary nursing care centres.

To qualify as a physiotherapist in Australia, a person must meet the entry requirements of one of the universities offering physiotherapy programs and then complete a primary physiotherapy qualification. Primary qualifications are offered at Bachelor level, graduate entry Masters level and Doctoral level (these are NOT postgraduate physiotherapy programs).

Details of the primary physiotherapy education programs that are currently accredited or that have applied for accreditation by the Australian Physiotherapy Council are available at: http://www.physiocouncil.com.au/file_folder/AccreditationStatus

THREE-PART ASSESSMENT OF OVERSEAS QUALIFIED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

The three-part assessment process is administered by the Australian Physiotherapy Council, on behalf of government agencies, for two purposes:

1. To assess whether a physiotherapist has demonstrated skills and qualifications that are suitable for the occupation of Physiotherapist for the purpose of migration to Australia under the skilled visa categories; and
2. To assess whether a physiotherapist is currently suitable to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia as part of the requirements for full registration.

A physiotherapist must pass the three parts of the Australian Physiotherapy Council assessment process to meet the requirement for awarding of a certificate that meets one of the requirements for full physiotherapy registration in Australia.

A physiotherapist who has applied for a skills assessment for migration purposes must complete the three parts of the Australian Physiotherapy Council assessment process to meet the requirements for a positive skills assessment.

A one-part assessment process is available for a physiotherapist who holds current full/unlimited registration to practise physiotherapy in Australia or New Zealand OR a physiotherapy qualification accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council (for a

list of programs see

http://www.physiocouncil.com.au/file_folder/AccreditationStatus).

The three-part Australian Physiotherapy Council assessment of current suitability to practise physiotherapy independently in Australia comprises:

Part One – Initial Assessment – a paper based application using Form 1249 and including all documents specified in the form is assessed to determine whether the applicant satisfies the initial assessment criteria outlined below. Applications that satisfy the initial assessment criteria are approved to undertake Part Two – The Written Assessment. If an applicant intends to migrate to Australia he or she **must** apply for a skills assessment by ticking the box in Section E on Form 1249. A positive skills assessment for the purposes of applying to migrate to Australia under the skilled visa categories will only be issued when the candidate completes the assessment process – that is after Part Three - The Clinical Assessment. The Australian Physiotherapy Council can provide candidates who have applied for skills assessment on Form 1249 a statement for DIAC upon request.

Part Two – The Written Assessment – conducted world-wide. The Written Assessment uses scenarios of patient cases that reflect Australian physiotherapy practice. Further details are available via the Australian Physiotherapy Council website. The written assessment comprises multiple choice questions that require the candidate to apply knowledge and understanding relevant to safe and effective physiotherapy practice in Australia.

Part Three – The Clinical Assessment – conducted in Australia only. The Clinical Assessment is a summative assessment comprising three separate case examinations – one in each of the key areas of physiotherapy clinical practice in Australia: neurology, musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory physiotherapy. A candidate must pass the three case examinations to complete this part of the assessment process.

The Australian Physiotherapy Council assessment process requires a physiotherapist to complete each part within specific timeframes. An assessment of a physiotherapist commences on the date that a person applies for initial assessment and is completed when the Australian Physiotherapy Council has completed a fair and reasonable assessment of the physiotherapist and is able to state whether or not, on the basis of that part of the assessment, the physiotherapist is **currently suitable to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia**.

THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

An overseas qualified physiotherapist normally satisfies the initial assessment criteria if he or she submits evidence that: The tertiary level studies leading to his or her physiotherapy qualification (including prerequisite tertiary qualifications) are equivalent in duration to no less than three academic years (six semesters) and the depth and breadth of the curriculum studied is sufficiently similar in theory and practical aspects to the requirements for accreditation of entry-level physiotherapy programs undertaken in Australia.

1. The tertiary level studies leading to his or her physiotherapy qualification (including prerequisite tertiary qualifications) included theoretical, practical and clinical components of cardiorespiratory, musculoskeletal and neurological physiotherapy, and theoretical and practical aspects of electrotherapy, similar to the depth and breadth required for accreditation of entry-level physiotherapy programs undertaken in Australia.
2. The tertiary level studies leading to his or her physiotherapy qualification included a comprehensive clinical education experience through supervised physiotherapy clinical practice in cardiorespiratory, musculoskeletal and neurological physiotherapy. This may be through a compulsory internship period and must be sufficiently similar to that required for accreditation of entry-level physiotherapy programs undertaken in Australia.

3. The tertiary level studies leading to his or her physiotherapy qualification are recognised for full registration to practise physiotherapy or a license as a physiotherapist in the country in which the program was completed, AND the physiotherapist has held full registration to practise physiotherapy or a license as a physiotherapist in the country in which the program was completed (if there is no registration/license agency, the physiotherapist must hold full membership of the physiotherapy professional membership body recognised by the World Confederation of Physical Therapists); and
4. The applicant is able to demonstrate that he or she has a comprehensive knowledge and satisfactory level of skill in English by completing the English Language Requirement. Details of the English Language Requirement are in the next section of this handbook.
5. The applicant is able to demonstrate that he or she has practised as a physiotherapist within the past five years.
6. The applicant is able to provide current professional references that indicate the depth and breadth of his or her clinical physiotherapy skills are suitable for the independent practice of physiotherapy in Australia.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

A comprehensive knowledge of English is essential to practise physiotherapy in Australia and all applications must satisfy the English Language requirement.

1. Applicants who provide evidence that their initial physiotherapy professional education was in the English language medium in any of the countries listed below are not required to provide any further evidence of their English language ability in their application.
2. Applicants who completed their primary and secondary education in the English language medium in any of the countries listed below, but completed their physiotherapy education in a different country must provide a certified copy of their High School Certificate and a certified copy of evidence that their primary and secondary education was completed in the English language medium.

Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States of America

All other applicants must provide a certified copy of a satisfactory result from one of the English language tests listed below.

1. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS):**

A minimum score of Band 7 in each of the four components must be achieved in the Academic Module. Detailed information including locations, contact details and dates for IELTS assessments in Australia and overseas is available at www.ielts.org

2. **Occupational English Test (OET):**

A result at A or B level in all four sections of the test is required. Detailed information including locations, contact details and dates for OET assessments in Australia and overseas is available at <http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/>

Important note regarding test validity: IELTS and OET tests results are only valid for a period of two years from the test date. Candidates must have an English language test

result that is valid for any written assessment session. If an English language test result becomes invalid before completion of the Australian Physiotherapy Council assessment process, the candidate will be requested to revalidate the English language requirement.

HOW TO APPLY FOR PART 1 – INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF DOCUMENTS

Step 1. Obtain Form 1249 - *Initial Assessment of documents related to Physiotherapy qualification, professional background and English language* from the Australian Physiotherapy Council website. If internet access is unavailable or the Form cannot be downloaded, contact:

Australian Physiotherapy Council
GPO Box 587
Canberra ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

E-mail: enquiries@physiocouncil.com.au

Web: <http://www.physiocouncil.com.au>

Step 2: Complete Form 1249 and compile all the documents listed in the Form.

Step 3: Send Form 1249 and all required documentation to the Australian Physiotherapy Council. Please ensure that all of the necessary documentation as outlined in the checklist in the Form is included. ***An application will be sent back to the applicant unless it is correctly completed and all of the required documents including the English language test results are provided. An administration fee of \$55AUD will be charged to cover costs incurred by the Australian Physiotherapy Council for handling incomplete applications.***

Applications for initial assessment are accepted throughout the year. *Applicants are strongly advised to send their complete application (including English language test result) as soon as it is complete. If the application form or documentation is incorrect or incomplete, the application will be returned to the applicant and an administration fee of \$55AUD will be charged.*

An applicant will be notified of the outcome of the initial assessment around **6 weeks** from the date that his or her **complete** application is received by the Australian Physiotherapy Council. The outcome of the initial assessment may be:

- i) that the application and supporting documentation satisfy the initial assessment criteria and the physiotherapist becomes a candidate of the Australian Physiotherapy Council and is required to pass the written assessment within twelve months;
- ii) a request by the assessor for more detailed information; or
- iii) that the application and supporting documentation do not satisfy the initial assessment criteria and the physiotherapist is not currently suitable to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia .

If an applicant disagrees with the outcome the assessment, he or she may request a review of outcome of assessment. There is a defined process of review of outcome of assessments available at www.physiocouncil.com.au

PART TWO – THE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT

The Written Assessment is held twice yearly, in the first week of March and the first week of September. It is the date that a candidate is advised that he or she has satisfied the initial assessment criteria that will determine which written assessment session the candidate is required to sit. Candidates who are advised that they **satisfy the initial assessment criteria between 1 June and 30 November** will be required to sit the written assessment in March the following year. Candidates who are advised that they **satisfy the initial assessment criteria between 1 December and 31 May** will be required to sit the written assessment in September. If

a candidate does not pass the written assessment within twelve months, the outcome of the assessment will be that on the basis of the results, the physiotherapist is not currently suitable to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia.

The written assessment consists of two (2) papers each of two (2) hours duration comprising multiple choice questions (MCQ). The two papers are taken on the one day – Paper 1 is completed in the morning and Paper 2 is completed in the afternoon. The written assessment is designed as a comprehensive test of application of knowledge in the principal fields of physiotherapy, as it is practised in Australia. The majority of items are based on written information but some may be based on diagrams. Further information and examples of MCQ items are provided to applicants who satisfy the Initial Assessment criteria.

Venue Information

Candidates resident in Australia may sit for the Written Assessment in Alice Springs, Brisbane, Canberra, Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Hobart, Townsville or Mackay. Candidates based overseas may sit the Written Assessment at a participating exam venue. For each session of Written Assessment the venues may change based on the location of candidates for that particular session. Exam venues may vary from session to session so there is no guarantee that there will be an exam venue available in a candidate's country and he or she may have to travel.

The following offshore venues are usually available

Europe:	Athens, London, Moscow
Middle East:	Ankara, Dubai, Islamabad, Riyadh
Sub Continent:	New Delhi
Africa:	Accra, Cairo, Harare, Johannesburg, Nairobi
Asia:	Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore
South America:	Lima, Sao Paulo
Pacific:	Auckland

PLEASE NOTE: there are no venues available in the USA or Canada.

Registered candidates will be advised of the exact date, time and venues approximately six weeks in advance of the exam date.

Results of the Written Assessment will be published within 50 days of the assessment date. A candidate must pass the Written Assessment in order to progress to the Clinical Assessment. If a candidate's performance in the Written Assessment indicates that he or she is not currently suitable to practice physiotherapy independently in Australia, the assessment will be considered to be completed. When a candidate passes the Written Assessment, he or she will receive an Australian Physiotherapy Council Interim Certificate that is valid for a specified period **ONLY** (between fourteen – sixteen months).

PART THREE – THE CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

Candidates must hold a valid Australian Physiotherapy Council Interim Certificate to apply for the Clinical Assessment. The Clinical Assessment can only be undertaken in Australia and candidates are expected to pass the Clinical Assessment during the period of validity of the Australian Physiotherapy Council Interim Certificate – this is valid for 14 – 16 months.

The Clinical Assessment is a summative assessment comprising three separate case examinations – one in each of the key areas of physiotherapy clinical practice in Australia: neurology, musculoskeletal and cardiorespiratory physiotherapy. The case examinations are in a real practice setting and the candidate is the treating physiotherapy for a real patient.

Each case examination is assessed by two or three experienced Australian Physiotherapy Council assessors in a venue determined by the Australian Physiotherapy Council. A candidate must pass the three case examinations to complete this part of the assessment process.

The Australian Physiotherapy Council does not provide clinical supervision or clinical education. The Australian Physiotherapy Council does provide details of preparation opportunities offered by hospitals and universities in Australia to applicants who satisfy the Initial Assessment criteria.

Overseas Residents Note: Candidates who live overseas and have passed the Written Assessment should ensure they have a visa that permits them to enter Australia to complete the Clinical Assessment within the period of validity of the Australian Physiotherapy Council Interim Certificate. Seek advice regarding visa types from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) www.immi.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY COUNCIL FINAL CERTIFICATE

When a candidate passes the three case examinations, an Australian Physiotherapy Council Final Certificate is issued. This is one of the requirements for registration with any of the Australian Physiotherapists' Registration Boards.

Once a physiotherapist is registered in Australia, he or she will have the same rights to practise as an Australian qualified and registered physiotherapist.

ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY COUNCIL

The Australian Physiotherapy Council is an independent national body ensuring high standards in physiotherapy for the Australian community.

The members of the Australian Physiotherapy Council are the eight Physiotherapists Registration Boards, the Australian Physiotherapy Association and the Council of Physiotherapy Deans, Australia and New Zealand.

The Australian Physiotherapy Council promotes a safe and competent physiotherapy workforce for the Australian community by:

- Accreditation of entry level physiotherapy programs in Australian universities prior to registration of graduates to practise physiotherapy in Australia.
- Maintenance and regular review of the Australian Standards for Physiotherapy.
- Assessment of overseas qualified physiotherapists prior to registration to practise in Australia.
- Assessment of overseas and Australian qualified physiotherapists for the purpose of migration to Australia as a physiotherapist under the skilled visa categories.
- Provision of advice to Government agencies and Physiotherapists Registration Boards in Australia on legislative matters relevant to a consistent national approach to physiotherapy registration.

CONTACT DETAILS – Australian Physiotherapy Council

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CANBERRA ACT 2601 AUSTRALIA

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Fax: + 61 2 6262 5284
E-mail: enquiries@physiocouncil.com.au
Website: <http://www.physiocouncil.com.au>

CONTACT DETAILS – Australian Physiotherapy Registration Boards

From 1 July 2010 there will be a single registration board – the Physiotherapy Board of Australia. Until 30 June 2010 there are eight registration boards – one in each State and Territory. The State Registration Boards in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria will cease to operate on 1 July 2010. Other State and Territory Registration Boards may cease to operate if the relevant laws are passed before 1 July 2010. Details are available at www.ahpra.gov.au

1. New South Wales

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of New South Wales
PO Box K599
HAYMARKET NSW 1238

Tel: + 61 2 9219 0255
Fax: + 61 2 9281 2030
Email: physioreg@hprb.health.nsw.gov.au
Web: www.physioreg.health.nsw.gov.au

2. Queensland

The Physiotherapists' Board of Queensland
GPO Box 2438
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Tel: + 61 7 3225 2505
Fax: + 61 7 3225 2527
Email: physiotherapy@healthregboards.qld.gov.au
Web: www.physioboard.qld.gov.au

3. Victoria

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of Victoria
PO BOX 248
Collins Street West VIC 8007

Tel: + 61 3 9286 1888
Fax: + 61 3 9286 1880
Email: registrar@physioboard.vic.gov.au
Web: www.physioboard.vic.gov.au

4. South Australia

The Physiotherapy Board of South Australia
GPO Box 1270
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Tel: + 61 8 8274 1488
Fax: + 61 8 8372 6677
Email: ibailey@qtsa.com.au
Web: <http://www.physioboardsa.org.au/>

5. Tasmania

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of Tasmania
GPO Box 792
HOBART TAS 7001

Tel: + 61 3 6224 9331
Fax: + 61 3 6224 9700
Email: physio@regboardstas.com
Web: www.physioboard.tas.gov.au

6. Western Australia

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of Western Australia
PO BOX 959
SOUTH PERTH WA 6951

Tel: + 61 8 9368 2644
Fax: + 61 8 9368 2677
Email: enquiries@prbwa.com.au
Web: www.prbwa.com.au

7. Australian Capital Territory

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of the ACT
Scala House
11 Torrens Street
Braddon ACT 2612

Tel: + 61 2 6205 1601
Fax: + 61 2 6205 1602
Email: david.bale@act.gov.au
Web: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/healthregboards>

8. Northern Territory

Physiotherapists' Registration Board of the Northern Territory
GPO Box 4221
DARWIN NT 0801

Tel: + 61 8 8946 9546
Fax: + 61 8 8946 9550

AUSTRALIAN PHYSIOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION – Information and Contact Details

The Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA) is the professional body for physiotherapists in Australia.

The Association is a member of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) and provides professional development, congresses and conferences.

Associate level membership of the APA is open to overseas qualified physiotherapists - www.physiotherapy.asn.au or + 61 3 9092 0888

CONTACT DETAILS – Universities offering Physiotherapy Programs in Australia

Accreditation status is available at:

http://www.physiocouncil.com.au/file_folder/AccreditationStatus

University of Queensland

Department of Physiotherapy
ST LUCIA QLD 4072

Tel: +61 7 3365 2275

Web: <http://www.uq.edu.au>

University of Sydney

School of Physiotherapy
East Street
LIDCOMBE NSW 2141

Tel: +61 2 9351 2222

Web: <http://www.usyd.edu.au>

La Trobe University

School of Physiotherapy
BUNDOORA VIC 3083

Tel: +61 3 9479 1111

Web: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au>

University of Melbourne

School of Physiotherapy
Grattan Street
PARKVILLE VIC 3052

Tel: +61 3 8344 4000

Web: <http://www.unimelb.edu.au>

Charles Sturt University

School of Community Health
PO Box 789
Albury NSW 2640

Tel: +61 2 6051 6988

Web: <http://www.csu.edu.au>

University of South Australia

School of Physiotherapy
North Terrace
Adelaide SA 5000

Tel: +61 8 8302 6611

Web: <http://www.unisa.edu.au>

Curtin University of Technology

School of Physiotherapy
Building 408, Kent Street
BENTLEY WA 6102

Tel: +61 8 9266 4644

Web: <http://www.curtin.edu.au>

Griffith University

School of Physiotherapy and Exercise Science
Gold Coast Campus
Griffith University QLD 4222

Tel: +61 7 5552 8531

Web: <http://www.griffith.edu.au>

Monash University

School of Primary Health Care
PO Box 527
Frankston VIC 3199

Tel: +61 3 9904 4816

Web: <http://www.monash.edu.au>

University of Canberra

University Drive
Bruce ACT 2617

Tel: +61 2 6201 5111

Web: <http://www.canberra.edu.au>

University of Newcastle

University Drive
Callaghan NSW 2308

Tel: +61 2 4921 5000

Web: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au>

James Cook University

Townsville QLD 4811

Tel: +61 7 4781 4111

Web: <http://www.jcu.edu.au>

Bond University

Gold Coast QLD 4229

Tel: + 61 7 5595 4486

Web: <http://www.bond.edu>

Australian Catholic University
Banyo QLD 4014

Tel: +61 7 3623 7100
Web: <http://www.acu.edu.au>

University of Western Sydney
Penrith South NSW 1797

Tel: + 61 2 46203774
Web: <http://www.uws.edu>

Edith Cowan University
Joondalup WA 6027

Tel: + 61 8 6304 2343
Web: <http://www.ecu.edu.au>

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

As in any other profession, a good command of the English language is essential in order to practise as a physiotherapist. For some overseas-qualified physiotherapists, a short course in English language skills will be very helpful. To obtain information about English language courses in Australia contact:

- Centrelink;
- Local offices of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC);
- Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) providers;
- Technical and Further Education (TAFE) colleges; or
- Migration Resource Centres (MRC).

The local Australian telephone book contains details of addresses and telephone numbers for these agencies. In addition, there is a national Telephone Interpreter Service (TIS) that provides assistance directly over the telephone for people who have difficulty in communicating in English. This service can be reached on telephone 131450 from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call.

Australian Education International – Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations seeks to help overseas qualified professionals who are Australian citizens or permanent residents living in Australia to obtain recognition of their qualifications in Australia.

The **Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained professionals (ASDOT) program** covers fees for assessments of some overseas qualifications leading to full and unconditional registration where occupations are regulated or, in other professions, the fees for an assessment required.

For further information, go to
<http://aei.gov.au/AEI/QualificationsRecognition/Information/Asdot.htm>

FEE-HELP is an Australian Government scheme to make loans to overseas-trained professionals who are undertaking bridging courses for overseas-trained professionals.

For further information, go to
<http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/Quickfind/OverseasStudents/BridgingCoursesForOverseasTrainedProfessionals.htm>