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NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION VALIDATION STANDARD FOR MEDICAL REGISTRATION APPLICANTS

1.0 Introduction

Each state and territory medical registration board is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that medicine is practised in accordance with the relevant governing legislation. This includes ensuring that only individuals who are competent, have a sound knowledge of the English Language, and are of good character are registered as medical practitioners. Implicit in this requirement is the need for boards to have confidence in the personal identification processes employed to validate authenticity of all applicants for medical registration.

In order to meet the above, a national personal identification validation standard for all medical practitioners who require registration in Australia has been agreed to by the following:

- Medical Board of the Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales Medical Board
- Medical Board of the Northern Territory
- Medical Board of Queensland
- Medical Board of South Australia
- Medical Council of Tasmania
- Medical Practitioners Board of Victoria
- Medical Board of Western Australia
- Australian Medical Council

2.0 Personal Identification Validation Model

A high level of confidence in the personal identity of a medical practitioner is essential to enable boards to protect the public. Validation of identity provides public assurance that regulatory authorities are assessing only those persons properly qualified to practice medicine by ensuring relevant documents are verified and matched to the applicant. The personal identification verification model adopted by the medical boards of Australia is based upon the Australian *Financial Transactions Reports Act 1988*.

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	<p>3.0 Requirements</p> <p>All applicants for registration must satisfy the relevant medical board of their identity. Applicants will need to provide proof of personal identity by way of presentation of verifiable documentation.</p> <p>Provided below is a list of those documents that may be presented to boards along with their matched point value.</p> <p><i>Documents with a minimum value of 100 points must be submitted:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least ONE document from Category A or B must be submitted. • Only ONE document from Category B may be submitted. • ALL documents must be originals or certified copies. • At least ONE document must include a recent photograph. • ALL documents must be current/valid at the date of submission. <p>4.0 Acceptable Documents</p> <p>Category A (70 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Medical Registration with another Board in Australia where registration has been granted in accordance with this Policy. <p>Category B (70 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport & visa (current). • Birth Certificate/Birth Card (NSW) (original or extract). • Citizenship Certificate. <p>Category C (40 Points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence or permit issued under a law of the Commonwealth or State or Territory. • Identification Card issued to a public employee. • Identification Card issued by Commonwealth State or Territory as evidence of a person entitled to a financial benefit. • Student ID Card issued from an Australian tertiary education institution. • International English Language Testing System Test Report Form (IELTS -TRF) (with photograph only).

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	<p>Category D (25 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Drivers Licence. • Medicare Card/Public Utilities Accounts/Rates Notice. • Financial Institution Credit Card/Cash card or Passbook (A maximum of two credit cards may be used). • Certificate of Good Standing/Verification of Registration Status document from an immediate previous regulatory authority only if received directly from that regulatory authority in accordance with national standard policy number – NatPol 004 – 2007. • Evidence of current medical registration from overseas regulatory authority. <p>5.0 Exemptions</p> <p>There are no exemptions to this policy</p> <p>6.0 Implementation Date</p> <p>This policy takes effect from 1 July 2006.</p>