

Physiotherapy Perspective

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Physiotherapy Board of NZ

- Overseas registration: 42 page document
- Application fee = NZ \$600.00 (non-refundable)
- It is a legal process – aimed at protecting the public of New Zealand. Therefore, the Board will only grant registration to physiotherapists it considers safe and competent to practise.

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- There is no accreditation of overseas courses. Each application is individually assessed.
- The information required is extensive and there is no guarantee of registration.
- The onus is on the applicant to provide all the information required.
- Errors and omissions cause significant delays.

English Language Assessments

What does the Board accept?

- Applicants must obtain an overall band score of 7.5 (with a score of no less than 7.0 in each band) in the Academic IELTS;

OR

- A pass in Language Australia's Occupational English Test (OET) with a minimum of a B pass in all four sections .

FAQ

I completed my physiotherapy training in India, how likely am I to gain registration in New Zealand?

The Board has received many applications from physiotherapists trained in India. To date very few physiotherapists trained in India have satisfied the Board that they meet the required competencies and been granted registration in New Zealand.

FAQ

I completed my physiotherapy training in the Philippines, how likely am I to gain registration in New Zealand?

The Board has received many applications from physiotherapists trained in the Philippines. So far no physiotherapist trained in the Philippines has satisfied the Board that they meet the required competencies and been granted registration in New Zealand.

FAQ

My documents are not in English, what should I do?

You are required to provide the Board with:

- The original (or certified copy of the original document) in the original language. Photocopies that have not been certified will not be accepted.
- A full English translation prepared by an official translation service. The translations must be on official translation service letterhead and bear its signature/stamp.

International

- World Health Assemblies
 - Stem the flow of unplanned professional migration
- World Confederation of Physical Therapists
 - Conscious of lack of physiotherapists – Supports education but not migration

What are the difficulties?

- Unable to get registration
- Little help offered
- Physiotherapy Assistants

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- Post graduate –
 - Accept overseas trained physiotherapists
 - Does not meet registration requirements
- Undergraduate -
 - RPL on individual basis
 - Varied levels
 - Meets registration requirements

