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Registered Allied Health Professionals

## **REVISION TO CRITERIA FOR DISPLAY OF ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

The Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) would like to inform registered Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) of a revision to a criterion for display of additional qualification (AQ).

### **Criteria for Display of AQ**

2. With immediate effect, the AHPC accepts qualifications that minimally satisfy the level of postgraduate diploma conducted over a period of at least six months full-time equivalent from a bona fide institution. The previous requirement was a minimum of at least a year of full-time equivalent programme. With this change, the updated criteria for display of AQ are as follows:

- a) Qualification must be from a formal postgraduate programme (i.e. at least a postgraduate Diploma) from a university or college in order to be considered eligible for display;
- b) Qualification should be relevant to the area of practice of the AHP;
- c) Qualification should be awarded after a programme of training, study or research in an area relevant to the professional's practice (minimum full-time equivalent of six months);
- d) Qualification must have eligibility criteria for entry into the programme;
- e) Qualification should demonstrate that the AHP possesses more extensive knowledge relevant to the professional's practice; and

- f) Where applicable, the AHP may be asked to present evidence that he/she has acquired clinical skills related to the qualification (i.e. transcripts must have placement or clinical component included that is relevant to practice).

### **Criteria for Display of Board Certificates and Display of Qualifications and Titles**

3. All registered AHPs are reminded that:
- Board certificates which are examination-based credentials (i.e. written, clinical and/or viva) and awarded by the **national board of the country** of training will be allowed for display. For board certificates that are not awarded indefinitely but have a specific validity period, the certificate will only be displayed for the period of its validity. The starting and ending dates of the board certificate will be indicated on the relevant Register. Upon recertification with the respective boards, the holder of the board certificate will need to re-apply for the display of the board certificate and incur fresh application fees.
  - Apart from the qualification approved for registration with the AHPC, any other qualification, title, addition or designation must be approved by AHPC through an application before it can be used, displayed, exhibited or published.

### **Online Application for Display of AQ**

4. The online application of AQ remains unchanged. Registered AHPs may apply to the AHPC for approval by submitting via the AHPC Professional Registration System (PRS) together with relevant supporting documents for verification by AHPC. Separate applications must be submitted for each new qualification. Applications to display AQ will be charged a prescribed fee of SGD50 per qualification applied. For more information on how to submit an application to display AQ, please click [here](#).

5. Section 25 of the Allied Health Professions Act 2011 provides as follows:

“25. – (1) No registered allied health professional shall:

- a) Use or exhibit or publish in any card, letter, stationery, nameplate, signboard, placard, circular, handbill or any notice displayed at the premises used by him for the practice of any prescribed allied health profession any qualification other than the qualifications which are entered against his name in the appropriate register or which has been approved by the Council; or
- b) use any title, addition or designation other than the title, addition or designation which has been approved by the Council.

(2) Any registered allied health professional who contravenes subsection (1) may be subject to disciplinary proceedings under this Act.”

6. You can contact [AHPC@spb.gov.sg](mailto:AHPC@spb.gov.sg) if you need further clarifications.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suraya Talip', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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