

## Examiner – Role Descriptor

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### Pharmacy Board of Australia Oral Examination (Practice) – Registered Pharmacist Examiner

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#### Introduction/ Purpose

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) works in partnership with 15 National Boards to implement the national regulatory scheme for health professionals and ensure that our communities can have trust and confidence in regulated health professionals.

The Pharmacy Oral Examination (Practice) (oral exam) is a registration requirement developed by the Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) and delivered by Ahpra. The examination is a summative assessment that complements the assessments conducted within the intern year and is expected to provide evidence that interns are ready for practice by matching their performance against the National Competency Standards for Pharmacists in Australia Framework 2016.

Ahpra delivers more than 1300 oral exams per year in each capital city across Australia. Exams are conducted in a face to face or online format using skilled examiners in February, June and October – with the largest cohort being examined in the October exam period.

Examiners are engaged on a contract basis and are required to attend regularly scheduled examination days held at either an examination venue in their nominated state capital, or via online format. Examiners will be invited to nominate the days they are able to attend for each exam period and Ahpra will attempt to accommodate this into scheduling.

Examiners will work in pairs with another assessor, be provided with administrative support and given a number of candidates to assess across the day. Examiners are required to assess individual candidate's competence to practice against the assessment process set by Ahpra and the Board and make an independent assessment of candidate's readiness to practice safely.

Examiners are expected to examine in a minimum of one exam period per year, and for a minimum of three days per year. Exceptional circumstances are considered. Examiners are asked, where practical, to be available for the October exam period.

Examiners must undertake initial training and regular training as required.

#### Examiner skills and eligibility

The following are the **essential** examiner skills and eligibility criteria:

- Current, unrestricted pharmacy registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia;
- Pharmacy practice experience within Australia for a minimum of three (3), or more, years with demonstrated knowledge of and ability to apply pharmacy standards, codes and guidelines;
- Current pharmacy practice &/or pharmacy practice supervision role;
- Ability to attend examinations that will be held in state and territory capital cities or via an online format;

- Sound understanding of the National Competency Standards for Pharmacist in Australia, 2016 and an ability to interpret the competency requirement level for entry level requirements for a pharmacist;

Ahpra requires compliance with Ahpra policies, including the [COVID-19 Vaccination policy](#)