

**Registration under section 12(1)(b) of
the Supplementary Medical Professions (SMP) Ordinance**

A person who holds non-local qualifications in physiotherapy or qualifications other than those stated in section 4 of the Physiotherapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (“the Regulation”) may apply for registration under section 12(1)(b) of the SMP Ordinance.

2. A person is eligible for registration under section 12(1)(b) of the SMP Ordinance if he or she -

- (a) holds an entry-level degree in physiotherapy awarded by a tertiary institute recognized by the local physiotherapy governing body. The degree must follow a programme equivalent to full-time duration of no less than three years for undergraduate or two years for post-graduate courses. The programme curriculum should be recognized by the SMP Council which include at least 800 supervised clinical hours of physiotherapy practice;
- (b) holds a current registration status with a physiotherapy governing body* and with a current practising right in that jurisdiction; and
- (c) produces a recent letter of good standing from the academic institution or the employer or a professional body.

** The governing body is defined as Government or a professional licensing body.*

Applicant who has fulfilled the criteria (a) – (c) above, but failed to satisfy completely the requirement regarding the curriculum as recognized by the SMP Council will be invited to sit for the Physiotherapists Board’s registration examination which consists of two parts – a written examination and a practical assessment. Candidate who has passed the written examination will be admitted to take the practical part. Anyone who has passed both parts of the examination is qualified for registration under section 12(1)(a) of the SMP Ordinance.

3. Applicant holding not less than one year of post-qualification ‘recognized experience’ may apply for registration in Part Ia Register. Applicant who does not possess that experience may apply for registration in Part Ib of the Register. Section 5(2) of the Regulation provides that ‘recognized experience’ refers to an experience in the practice of physiotherapy acquired by the applicant other than in the course of practising physiotherapy –

- (a) as a sole proprietor; or
- (b) in any other capacity at a profit-seeking establishment at which no other physiotherapist who has experience of not less than one year in the practice of physiotherapy practises physiotherapy.