



## **BOC Communique: End of Transitional Period for Registration 1 April 2023**

As part of the transitional period, everyone with Board Eligibility (BE) was granted PROVISIONAL clinical registration as long as they maintained their Registration. This transitional period (3 years from the introduction of the Register) is based on NASRHP standards, and is ending on 1 April 2023.

**-From 1 April 2023, anyone with PROVISIONAL clinical registration who has not made Submission 1 will revert to ACTIVE registration status.**

**-ACTIVE registration status has been introduced** to ensure that genetic counsellors working in **any area of practice** will be able to meet NASRHP requirements (practitioners must not be unregistered for more than 3 years). ACTIVE status acknowledges genetic counsellors who meet the qualification requirements to enter practice as a GC and allows them to evidence continuing practice, continuing education, and supervision. We encourage anyone who has not yet applied for ACTIVE status to do so, to avoid the need for a Resumption of Practice plan in the future.

**-Board Eligibility (BE) has been replaced by ACTIVE registration status**, and maintaining Registration is a requirement to commence and make submissions for Clinical Certification.

**-PROVISIONAL status is now linked to making Submission 1** for Clinical Certification. You will need to stay ACTIVE (maintain practice hours, CPD, and supervision) on the Register to be eligible to make Submission 1 and be granted PROVISIONAL clinical status. You must have completed a minimum 12 calendar months in clinical practice and 250 clinical hours in order to make Submission 1.

**-There is currently no maximum timeframe for someone working in clinical practice to start certification/make Submission 1.** However, it is a professional expectation addressed in the HGSA Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice (Clinical) for Genetic Counsellors, and there will be flow on effects (for example, avenues for title protection linked to Registration like Medicare item and provider numbers and Enterprise Bargaining Agreements).

**-After making Submission 1 you have a maximum of 3 years before making Submission 2.** Otherwise, you will revert to ACTIVE status and need to recommence from Submission 1.

**- The BOC would like to remind candidates and supervisors of the expectations for the quality of submissions**, especially in light of the reduced submission requirements. Please ensure all aspects of the submissions are professional standard and of high quality. The Certification Committee does not have capacity to review submissions that are significantly below standard and may return these without proceeding to full review. Please make sure to:

- follow the guidelines and all of the criteria for each task
- proofread carefully
- review your submissions with your supervisor before submitting
- delay submission if you need more time to reach a high professional standard of writing and editing

For information about applying for ACTIVE status, please see the HGSA [Professional Practice for Genetic Counsellors](#) Policy. For information about the current Certification process and requirements, please see the [Clinical Certification Policy for Genetic Counsellors](#).