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## Guideline

### Transitional Provisions for Board Eligibility, Certification, and Registration for Genetic Counsellors

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According to NASRHP requirements, practitioners cannot be uncertified for more than 3 years. In the context of HGSA Regulation for genetic counsellors, “certified” means FHGSA Certified OR actively in the process of becoming certified (MHGSA/ Board Eligible). Please see the [HGSA Practitioner Certification Policy for Genetic Counsellors](#) for eligibility requirements. Applications and submissions are made online through the [Certification Committee page](#) on the HGSA website.

**In order to be listed on the HGSA Register of Genetic Counsellors:**

**New graduates** of [HGSA Accredited Masters programs](#) will have 3 years from graduation to apply to the [Certification Committee](#) for Board Eligibility and engage in Certification according to the requirements and timeline laid out in the [Certification Policy](#).

**If you are clinically practicing and have never applied for Board Eligibility**, you will need to apply before March 31, 2023. Online applications are made through the [Certification Committee page](#) on the HGSA website.

**If you are unsure if you have Board Eligible status**, please contact [gccertification@hgsa.org.au](mailto:gccertification@hgsa.org.au) to confirm if you have been granted Board Eligible status. Board Eligibility/MHGSA is not automatic after graduation from a Masters course, and requires an application to the [Certification Committee](#).

**If you are Board Eligible but have never submitted**, you have until March 31, 2023 to make your first submission. When you make your submission, you will need to confirm that you still meet the Board Eligibility requirements for qualification, employment, and supervision. You will need to include this information in your submission, and whether you are undertaking Certification by portfolio or modified portfolio.

**If you are Board Eligible and made Submission 1 within the last three years (since March 2017)**, you have up to three years from the date of making Submission 1 to complete any required revisions and make Submission 2. Time-limited extensions of up to 2 years are at the discretion of the Board of Censors (you will need to make a formal request in writing). When you make your submission, you will need to confirm that

you still meet the Board Eligibility requirements for qualification, employment, and supervision, and include this information in your submission.

**If you are Board Eligible and made Submission 1 more than 3 years ago (prior to March 2017),** you will need to re-apply for Certification and re-submit Submission 1 within 3 years (by March 2023). This is in line with the [Certification Policy](#), and ensures that your cases and reports are a reflection of your current competencies and practice. It also ensures consistency in assessing candidates under the most current version of the [Certification Policy](#).

**If you may not be able to meet a registration requirement or deadline, contact the relevant Committee as early as possible to discuss your circumstances. Contact details are available at <https://www.hgsa.org.au/about/genetic-counsellor-board-of-censors>**