

Acupuncture – nib Provider Recognition Criteria

nib may grant provider recognition to providers who meet the criteria below. This recognition may be granted at nib's absolute discretion and meeting the criteria does not guarantee recognition.

For recognition by nib for the purposes of benefit payment for Acupuncture services, the provider must fulfil the following criteria:

- Hold and maintain current registration in Acupuncture with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia as administered by AHPRA;
- Hold a Bachelor Qualification (major in Acupuncture) at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 7 or above with 4 years full time training (or part time equivalent) at a minimum;
- Accredited Bachelor Degree majoring in Acupuncture awarded from the following educational institutions meet the minimum requirements for recognition:
 - Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM) – Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine
 - Endeavour College of Natural Health – Bachelor of Health Science (Acupuncture)
 - Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) – Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)/ Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine)- double degree Bachelor or Master of Applied Science (Acupuncture)
 - Southern School of Natural Therapies (SSNT) – Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)
 - University of Technology Sydney (UTS) – Bachelor of Health Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine
 - Western Sydney University (WSU) - Bachelor of Health Science/ Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine or Bachelor Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Any overseas qualifications must be independently assessed and validated by VETASSESS (VETASSESS.com.au) or by the Overseas Qualifications Unit for equivalency to the Bachelor Degree (or higher) awarded by the above educational institutions.
- Any qualifications (whether Australian or Overseas) pertaining to courses that have been largely delivered by distance education or online are not accepted.
- Operate in Private Practice – definition from nib's Provider Terms and Conditions –
“**Private Practice** means a professional practice (sole, partnership or group) that is self-supporting primarily through fees received from patients. This means that the practice's expenses (e.g. accommodation, facilities and services) are not provided or subsidised by any publicly funded facility such as a public hospital or a university.”
- Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance - current insurance policy covering each practice address recognised at the minimum level of \$5 million for professional indemnity insurance per claim required for registration with AHPRA and \$20,000,000 public liability per claim;
- A current Senior or Provide First Aid Certification e.g.HLTAID011 (or HLTAID003 previously - valid for 3 years from 2020);
- Continuing Professional Development at a level at or above the minimum standard required to maintain registration at the required level with the professional association with which the provider is registered;
- Meet and continue to abide by nib's requirements set out in nib's Recognised Provider Terms and Conditions, which may be found here: <https://www.nib.com.au/docs/recognised-provider-terms-and-conditions>