

## Chinese Herbal Medicine – 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 Chinese Medicine with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia as administered by AHPRA;
- Hold a Bachelor Qualification (major in Chinese Herbal Medicine) 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 Chinese Herbal Medicine awarded from the following educational institutions meet the minimum requirements for recognition:
  - Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM) - Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine
  - RMIT University – Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Applied Science (Chinese Medicine) – double degree Bachelor
  - Southern School of Natural Therapies – Bachelor of Health Science (Chinese Medicine)
  - University of Technology Sydney - Bachelor of Health Science in Traditional Chinese Medicine
  - University of Western Sydney - 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](http://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 First Aid certificate such as Provide First Aid certificate HLTAID011, (HLTAID003 previously - still 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 you are registered;
- The provider must meet and continue to meet 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>