



OVERSEAS QUALIFIED MUSIC THERAPISTS

HOW TO APPLY TO BECOME A REGISTERED MUSIC THERAPIST

The Australia Music Therapy Association welcomes the registration of internationally trained music therapists. Our view is that it enhances the cultural diversity and philosophy of the Australian music therapy profession, and brings new ideas and approaches to our community. Unfortunately, however, your non-Australian music therapy course is not automatically recognised by AMTA. Accordingly, if you wish to become a Registered Music Therapist, which is the status most employers require, then you will need to undertake the following:

1. Complete the AMTA competency standard form. This is on the website so you can download it.
2. Submit a copy of the syllabus of the music therapy course that you completed. Please note this must be in English, so please translate it if it's in another language. If possible, also provide a web link to the syllabus.
3. Submit an **original or certified** copy of the result transcript(s) of your completed music therapy course(s).
4. Submit a current resumé detailing qualifications, employment and the experience you have gained in music therapy and other relevant areas of work.
5. Submit letters of support from three referees. These referees will need to provide first-hand knowledge of your work, character and other relevant information in relation to the main competency standards. The referees must have known you and to have observed your work over at least one year immediately preceding the date of your registration application. These referees will need to be willing to give further confidential information about your character and work if requested. Referees may send their letters of support directly to ATMA if you or they prefer.

Once all the above information is gathered, please send **two** copies (one soft and one hard) to AMTA. You are welcome to include any other documentation or information which you feel may improve your registration application.

An important note: The onus is on you, as the registration applicant, to present your registration requirements in a neat, organised, succinct and coherent manner. This will save time for the reviewers but also help avoid the possibility of your application being returned for alterations and re-submission.

Should AMTA's review of the above requirements indicate that you have not achieved some or all of the AMTA competency standards, you may be required to complete one or more of the following:

- Completion of an AMTA accredited music therapy course

 - Attendance at a professional development forum such as a conference, seminar, workshop, short course or special interest group. This could be in music therapy or a related field as advised by AMTA

 - Completion of a supervised clinical placement and/or observation of a clinical placement, as approved by AMTA

 - Submission of additional documentation as requested by AMTA. This may include literature reviews, clinical reports or bibliographies

 - Successful completion of a music skills exam

 - Attendance at an interview with AMTA

If you have any questions, please contact AMTA on 03 9525 9625 or info@austmta.org.au

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