



Health assessment committee

The Board may establish a health assessment committee under the *Health Practitioners (Professional Standards) Act 1999*, where the Board decides the registrant is impaired and:

- The registrant is not cooperating with the assessment process, or
- Agreement regarding the undertakings can not be reached, or
- The registrant is not competent to enter into undertakings.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The functions of the health assessment committee are:

- To assess the registrant;
- To make a finding; and
- To inform the Board about the nature and extent of impairment and make recommendations, where the registrant is found to be impaired.

THE POWERS OF THE HEALTH ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The powers of the health assessment committee are:

- To require the registrant to attend before it;
- To require the registrant to attend for a health assessment;
- To require a person other than the registrant to attend before it to answer questions or produce a “stated thing” such as a file or other document.

THE REGISTRANT’S SUBMISSION

The registrant is entitled to make an oral or written submission to the committee, including any independent “recent and relevant report”.

THE COMMITTEE’S REPORT

At the conclusion of its assessment the committee must prepare a report. The registrant is usually permitted to have a copy of the committee’s report and is entitled to make a written submission in response to the committee’s finding and recommendation/s.

THE BOARD’S DECISION AFTER THE COMMITTEE’S ASSESSMENT

After considering the information the Board must determine if the registrant is impaired and must:

- Impose conditions;
- Order the registrant to attend for further health assessments;
- Enter into agreed upon undertakings with the registrant;
- Investigate;
- Refer the matter to a Panel or the Tribunal; or
- Take no further action.

UNDERTAKINGS AND CONDITIONS

Examples of undertakings or conditions are:

- Attending for urine drug screening;
- Working only in a supervised position approved by the Board;
- Attending for regular reviews with a health practitioner nominated by the Board; and/or
- Attending for treatment with a psychiatrist.

For further information contact Health Assessment and Monitoring, telephone 07 3405 6013, fax 07 3234 1013 or email healthassessment@healthregboards.qld.gov.au