

SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND
PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 15 OF 2024

**APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION AS A LAWYER – MUTUAL
RECOGNITION PRINCIPLE**

1. This Practice Direction applies in relation to applications for admission to the legal profession by lawyers who are already admitted in another Australian jurisdiction¹ or in New Zealand, in accordance with the mutual recognition principle.
2. This Practice Direction commences on the date of publication.

The procedure to be followed to apply for admission as a lawyer in accordance with the mutual recognition principle is set out in the Registry's [Guideline for Lawyers Seeking Registration](#) which are approved by this Practice Direction.²

3. For the purposes of r 452(2)(b) of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 1999* (Qld), a Registrar of the Supreme Court may constitute the Court to hear and decide an application for admission to the legal profession made by an interstate lawyer under the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth)³ or by a New Zealand lawyer under the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth).⁴

Repeal of former practice direction

4. Practice Direction 27 of 1999 is repealed.



H Bowskill
Chief Justice
26 April 2024

¹ A person who is admitted to the legal profession in another State or Territory of Australia, under a corresponding law to the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Qld), may engage in legal practice in Queensland provided they hold a current local practising certificate or current interstate practising certificate (s 24 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007*). Such a person is not required to become registered (admitted) in Queensland under the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth), however they may do so if they wish. The person may, however, be required to give notice to the Queensland Law Society, where s 146 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* applies.

² The Guidelines have been prepared under s 39 of the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth) (in relation to interstate lawyers) and s 39 of the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth) (in relation to New Zealand lawyers).

³ Authorised by the Queensland Parliament by the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992* (Qld).

⁴ Adopted in Queensland by the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 2003* (Qld).