



Medical Radiation Practice
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Information session for MRPs on national registration

National registration & accreditation for MRPs

Changes
since July
2012

- All MRPs nationally registered
- Standards and guidelines apply to all MRPs

Key
issues

- CPD requirements
- English Language requirements
- Supervised Practice Program
- Differences b/w registration & membership
- Notifications/complaints

Evolution of national registration

Before National Scheme

85+ Health Profession Boards

66 Acts of Parliament

No national register or data

2010

10 National Boards

1 nationally consistent law

Nationally consistent standards that practitioners must meet

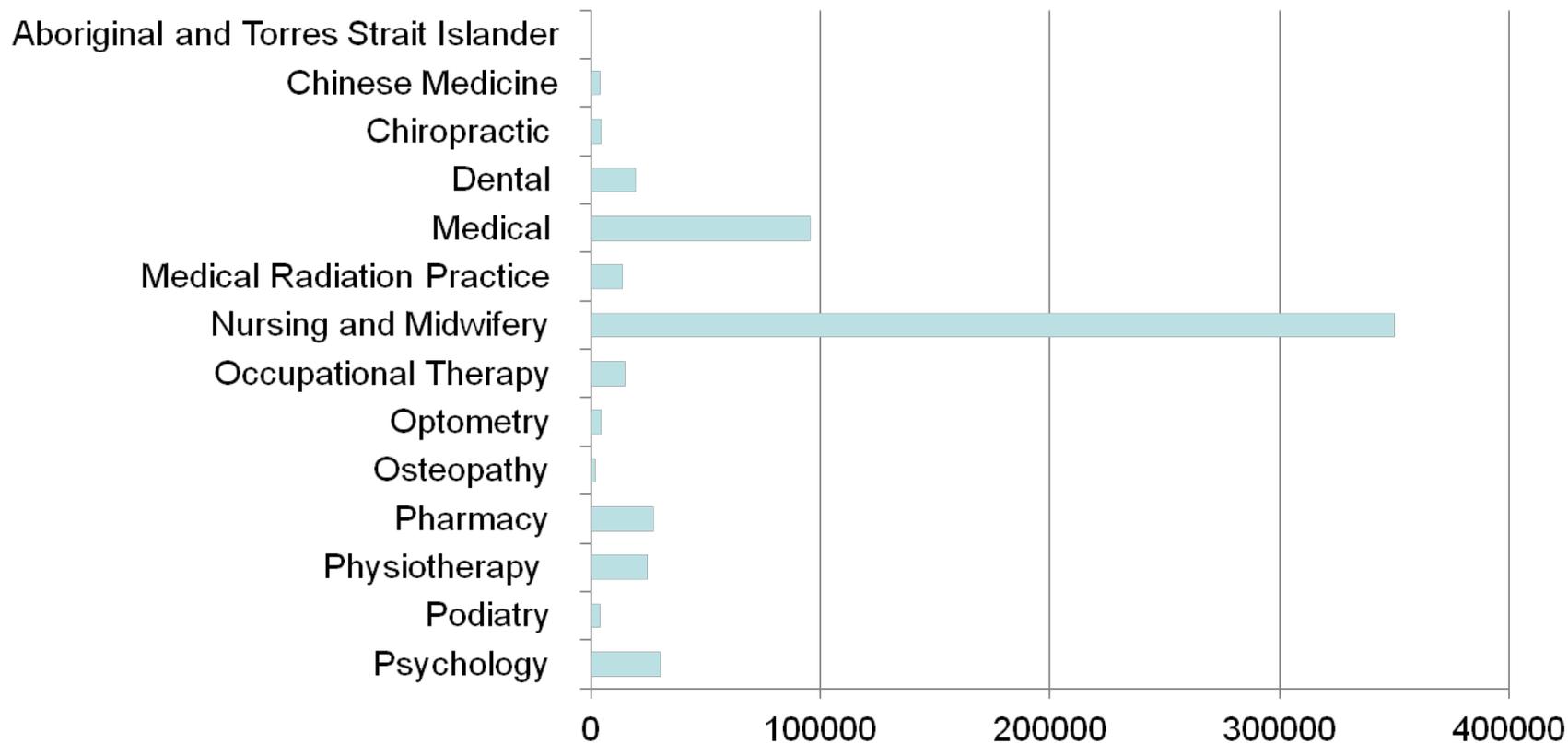
530,000 practitioners on national register

2013

14 National Boards, including MRPBA

580,000 practitioners on national register, including 13,769 MRPs

Proportion of registered professions



Where do MRPs work?



10,761 DR
2,160 RT
963 NMT
21 dual

Total
13,905

What AHPRA does

- Maintain a **public register** of all registered health practitioners
- Maintain a **student register** (not made public)
- Enable the efficient and **effective functioning** of the National Scheme:
 - Systems, processes, staff
 - Five core functions (professional standards, notifications, registration, compliance, accreditation)
 - Enabling functions (services, finance, legal, governance etc)
 - Conducts **audits** of compliance against national board standards
- **Support** the National Boards to meet their regulatory responsibilities (partnership)

What the Board does

- Work in partnership with AHPRA to **deliver** the National Scheme
- Sets **standards**, codes and guidelines medical radiation practitioners must meet
- **Approve** accreditation standards and accredited courses of study (the accreditation standards and processes are developed independently by the Accreditation Committee of the Board)
- Make **decisions** about individual practitioners (registration and notifications)
- Oversee **assessment** of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- **Administer** supervised practice programs

Members of the Board

DR, NM, RT practitioners and community representatives



From L-R: Rosie Yeo, Marcia Fleet, Christopher Hicks, Sue Baldwin, Mark Marcenko, Neil Hicks (Chair), Tracy Vitucci, Chris Pilkington, Robyn Hopcroft, Liz Benson, Kar Giam (Absent: Myrtle Green)

MRPBA priorities 2013/14

- Capabilities framework
 - release in Nov 2013
- Accreditation standard and process
 - report to Board Nov 2103
 - accreditation to commence late 2013
- Supervised practice standard
 - continuing consultation
- Review standards and guidelines
 - consultation in 2014
- Workforce Innovation and Reform Working Group
 - nominations received, Board finalising membership
- Ongoing stakeholder consultation
 - feedback always welcome

Accreditation Committee

- Accreditation standards help to ensure that education providers give students the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to competently practice in the profession
- Accreditation Committee appointed by the Board to exercise accreditation functions for the profession:
 - develop and recommend accreditation standards for Board approval, expected before end 2103
 - develop accreditation processes
 - assess programs of study and education providers to ensure accreditation standards are met, due to commence late 2013
- Supported by AHPRA Accreditation Unit

Registration standards

All practitioners must meet:

- Criminal history (CH)
- Professional indemnity insurance (PII)
- Recency of practice (RoP)
- Grand-parenting and general registration eligibility
- Continuing professional development (CPD)
- English language skills (ELS)

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- CPD is how you maintain, improve and broaden your knowledge, expertise and competence
- By undertaking CPD you develop the personal and professional qualities required throughout your professional life
- You must undertake a minimum of **60 hours** of CPD activities over a three year cycle, with a minimum of 10 hours in any one year; **or**
- Comply with the requirements of a CPD program approved by the Board, listed here:
www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/CPD-logbook.aspx
- Can be a self managed program but keep records

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- Keep a record of
 - type of activity, substantive or general
 - source or reference details (e.g. journal name, provider name)
 - date and number of hours of CPD activity
 - reflection, and
 - evidence of participation (i.e. certificate or other evidence).
- Most must be substantive – directly related to MRP
 - self-directed learning
 - professional course/training
 - conference, or
 - in-service/ meeting
- Reflection – think critically and analyse the experiences
 - what have you learnt?
 - how can you apply this learning to your work?

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

- A sample CPD logbook template is on the Board's website:
www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/CPD-logbook.aspx
- Evidence of CPD activities must be provided if requested for audit - including your self-reflection

English Language Skills

- All secondary AND tertiary education to be completed in English in an accepted country
 - Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, UK, USAor,
- Satisfactory completion of an approved examination
 - IELTS (academic) score of 7 and above in all categories, OET result A or B in all categories
 - Examination can be more than 2 years old provided applicant has been in full-time study (in English) since obtaining the result

Supervised practice

- The MRPBA is responsible for supervised practice
- Applies to graduates of three-year undergraduate programs and some postgraduate courses
- Before starting supervised practice graduates must hold provisional registration with the Board - including meeting the English language standard
- Discussions with the AIR and ANZSNM regarding supervised practice for 2014
- MRPBA Communiqué with program details will be published when agreements are finalised

Supervised practice – what happens?

1. Graduates apply for provisional registration and confirm their placement
2. Graduates apply to supervised practice program
3. Supervisors commit to provide supervision, feedback and assessment
4. 48 week program, including four satisfactory capability assessments

www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/Supervised-Practice

CPD is not a requirement for provisional registration, but is encouraged

Guidelines:

The Board expects all practitioners to understand and comply with:

- Code of conduct
- Advertising guidelines
- Social media guidelines (under development)
- Mandatory notification
- Provisional registration (under development)

www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines.aspx

Registration does not require professional association membership

Registration is compulsory

- to practice you must be registered and meet all Board standards

Membership of professional associations is voluntary

- is not needed to practice
- may have different requirements to the Board
- not necessary for self managed CPD
- Statement of Accreditation is not required for registration

Notifications/complaints

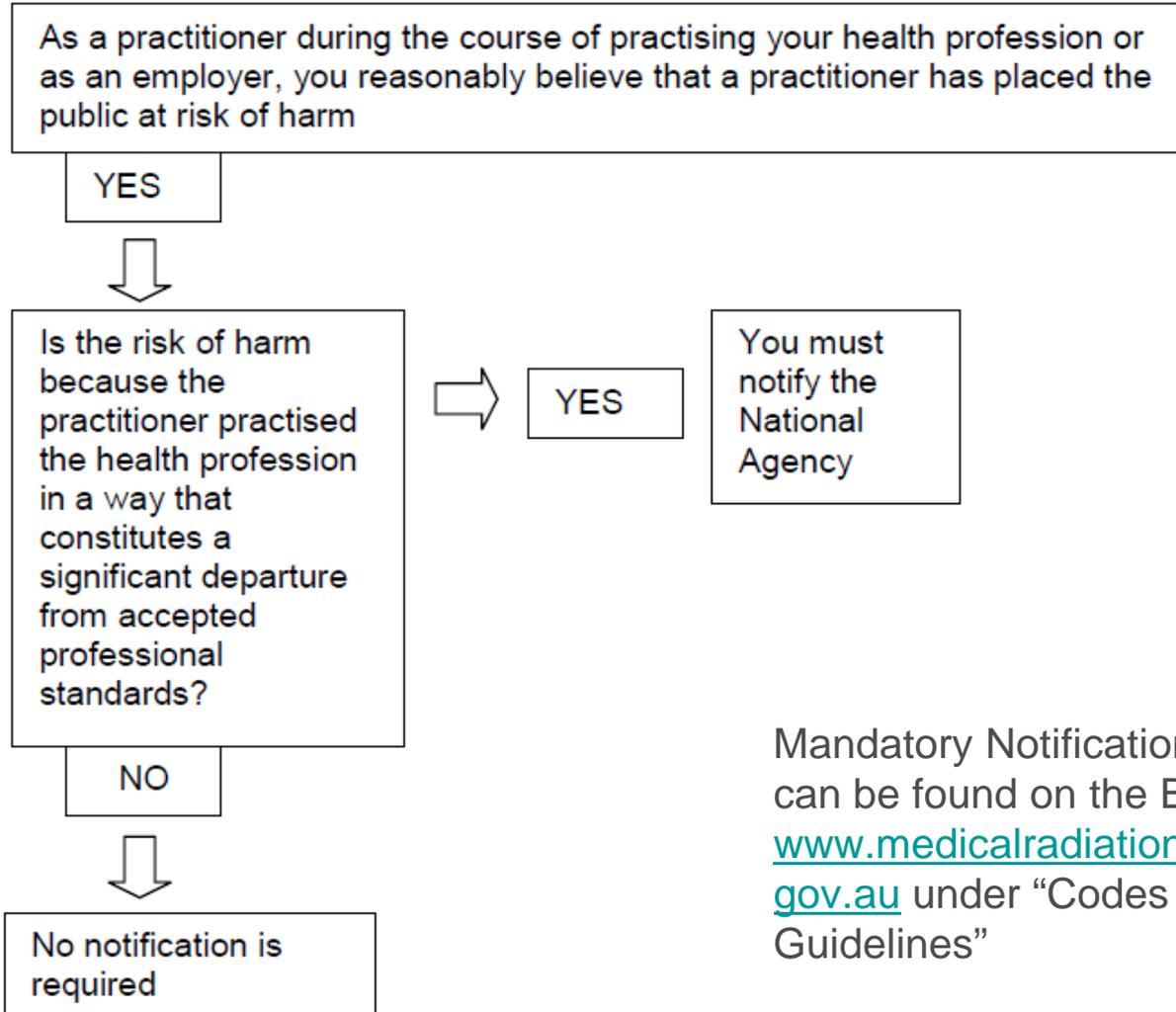
- Notifications are concerns or complaints about registered health practitioners
- They can be about the health, conduct or performance of the practitioner
- Anyone can make a notification, and most are made voluntarily
- Practitioners, employers and education providers also have some mandatory reporting responsibilities
- The goal is keeping the public safe

Mandatory notifications

Notifiable conduct includes:

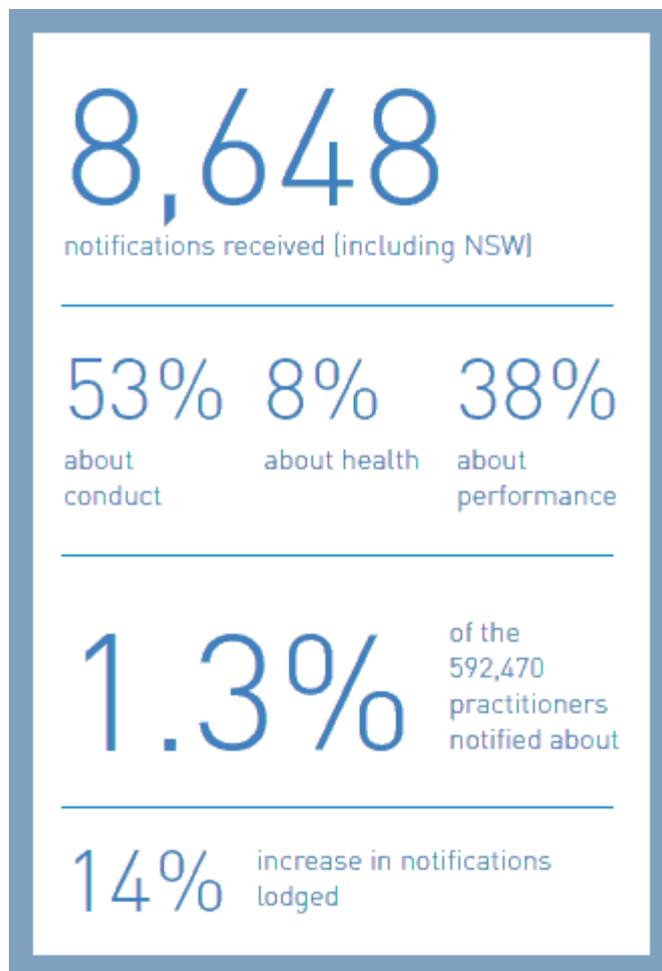
- practising the profession in a way that constitutes a significant departure from accepted professional standards
- practising with an impairment that places the public at risk of harm
- engaging in sexual misconduct in connection with the practice of the profession
- practising while intoxicated by drugs or alcohol

Notifications – decision guide



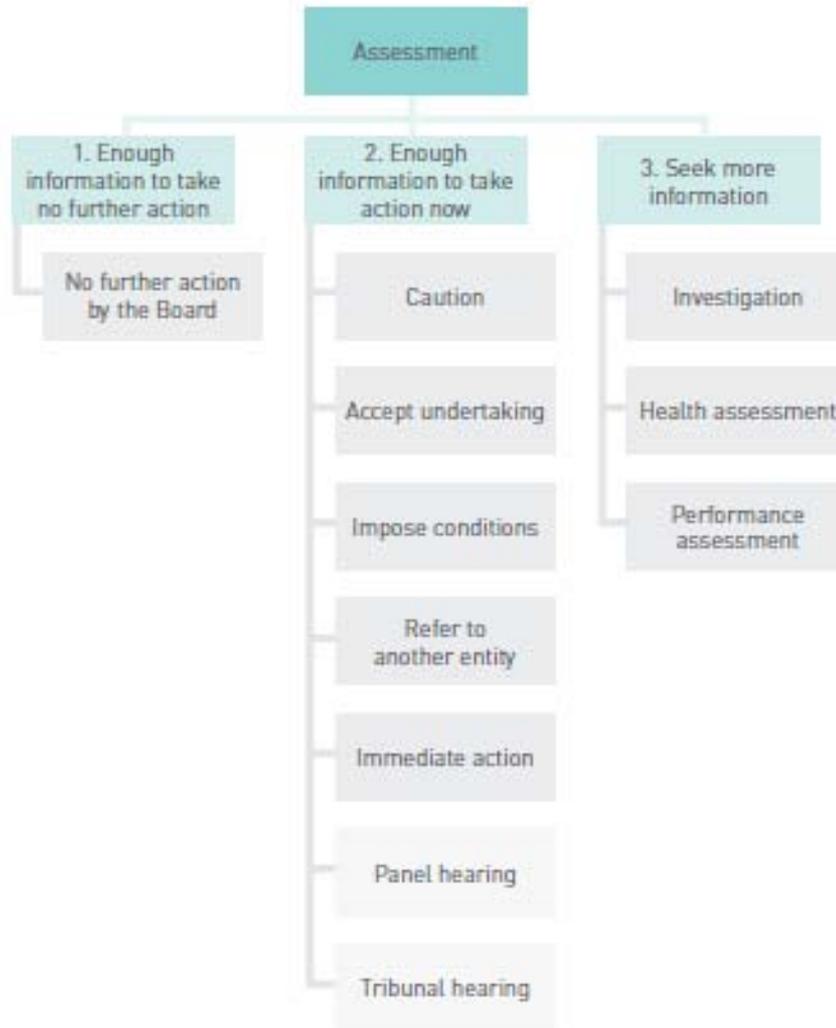
Mandatory Notifications Guidelines can be found on the Board's website: www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au under "Codes and Guidelines"

Notifications – all professions



Source: AHPRA 2012/13
Annual Report

Notifications – assessment process



NSW has different arrangements

- NSW manages own conduct, performance & health matters
- National Law with NSW specific provisions
 - [Health Practitioner Regulation National Law \(NSW\) No 86a](#)
- Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) involved
- Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA)
 - supports Councils for each health profession by managing notifications, complaints & administrative matters
 - involved in management of impaired practitioners
 - responsible for inspectors
 - HPCA – web www.hpca.nsw.gov.au / ph 1300 197 177

Queensland poised for change in 2014

Arrangements for managing complaints in Queensland to change

- From July 2014, Queensland will be a co-regulatory jurisdiction
- A Health Ombudsman, appointed by Queensland Government, will
 - oversee the health complaints management system in Queensland
 - manage serious allegations against health practitioners
- Will not affect the national registration of health practitioners
- All complaints and notifications (voluntary and mandatory) in Queensland will be made to the Health Ombudsman
- The Health Ombudsman and Office will replace the Health Quality and Complaints Commission (HQCC)

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The Board has released for public consultation proposed Supervised practice guidelines and draft Professional capabilities.
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The Community Reference Group membership has been announced. The group will advise AHPRA and the National Boards on engaging with communities.
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The Board has developed a dedicated page of resources and information for practitioners undertaking supervised practice.
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The National Board has released its quarterly registration data.

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