

Frequently Asked Question

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Why do I need to apply for registration by 30 May?

AHPRA is encouraging practitioners to submit their application for registration as early as possible to enable time for processing by 1 July 2012 when the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (the National Law) comes into effect.

Under the National Law as in force in each state and territory, practitioners must meet nationally consistent registration standards and be adequately qualified to be able to practise.

Each National Board has registration standards, including the following five mandatory standards (which are common across all the nationally registered professions):

- continuing professional development
- criminal history
- English language skills
- professional indemnity insurance
- recency of practice

As well as the five mandatory standards, the Boards have also agreed on grandparenting arrangements, which are the special transitional arrangements that provide a possible pathway to registration for experienced practitioners who do not have the approved qualifications proposed by the National Board.

It takes time to assess and verify the information in your application. If you lodge your application late, it may not be assessed by 1 July 2012.

Further information on registration is available at the Board's website:

www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au