

Media release

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Medical radiation practitioners reminded to renew registration by 30 November

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) today urged medical radiation practitioners to renew online and on time.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is sending a series of emails to medical radiation practitioners, for whom an email address is known, reminding them to renew their registration with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board).

Board chair Mr Neil Hicks said 'Medical radiation practitioners joined the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme on 1 July this year – in some states this is the first time the profession has been regulated.'

The Board is responsible for the regulation of the profession, which includes medical radiation practitioners, diagnostic radiographers, medical imaging technologists, radiographers, and nuclear medicine.

Not all practitioners need to renew their registration by 30 November. Eventually, the annual registration renewal date for all medical radiation practitioners will be this date. However because some practitioners transitioned into the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) on 1 July from local boards with different renewal cycles, it will take some time for the renewal dates to align nationally.

For the coming year, the renewal dates for medical radiation practitioners will be:

- ACT 30 November 2012
- New South Wales 30 November 2012
- Northern Territory 30 November 2012
- South Australia 30 November 2012
- Victoria 30 November 2012

- Tasmania 31 March 2013

- Queensland 30 June 2013
- Western Australia 30 June 2013

Mr Hicks said, 'In the National Scheme, health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time. The job of the Board – with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) – is to make this as simple and straightforward as possible,' he said.

When AHPRA receives a medical radiation practitioner's registration renewal application, their name is removed from the list of practitioners sent renewal reminders. There is also an online facility to 'opt out' of renewing registration. The 'opt out' service puts a stop to renewal reminders.

Mr Hicks reminded the profession that they risked being unable to work if they did not renew on time.

Under the National Law, medical radiation practitioners who do not renew registration within one month of their registration expiry date must be removed from the National Register of Practitioners. At this time, their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise their profession in Australia until a new application is approved.

‘Neither the Board nor AHPRA have any discretion about this so our advice is clear – renew on time. The quickest and easiest way to do this is online,’ Mr Hicks said.

For more information

- Visit www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au for FAQs on renewal
- Medical radiation practitioners can check their registration details and expiry date on the Register of Practitioners at www.ahpra.gov.au. If they have to renew by 30 November, this will be the registration expiry date on their record.
- Visit www.ahpra.gov.au under *Contact us* to lodge an online enquiry form
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