

Media release

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Online applications for registration open soon for final year students

Students of medical radiation practice who will graduate in late 2012 can go online soon to apply for registration as a health practitioner.

An online graduate registration service for final year students was launched by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in May 2011.

The service enables students to apply for registration early before completing their course and aims to smooth the path from study to work in five simple steps.

Online graduate applications for registration as a medical radiation practitioner will open in mid-October, however hard copy applications can be made now. All applications require students to return some supporting documents to AHPRA by mail.

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia Chair Neil Hicks said students must make an application for provisional or general registration, depending on which course they would be graduating from.

‘Graduates of three-year courses are required to participate in an approved supervised practice program and so must apply for provisional registration,’ Mr Hicks said.

‘Before applying online, students can confirm which registration type they must apply for by visiting the National Board’s website to review the list of [approved programs of study](#).’

When making an application for registration, graduates must select the division of the profession in which they intend to practise. Divisions of registration are: diagnostic radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists.

Mr Hicks said a graduate of an approved program of study must also meet the National Board’s registration requirements to become a registered health practitioner.

New graduate registration standards relate to:

- criminal history,
- English language skills, and
- professional indemnity insurance.

‘Graduates need to be a registered health practitioner before they can start practising and are urged to go online and apply for registration four to six weeks before completing their course,’ Mr Hicks said.

'Graduates are encouraged to read the information available at www.ahpra.gov.au under [Graduate Applications](#) in preparation for when online applications open in mid-October.'

Graduates applying for provisional registration should read the National Board's [supervised practice program policy](#) and note the requirements upon gaining employment.

There are five simple steps to graduate registration:

1. Students apply for registration 4 to 6 weeks before completing their course at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx>
2. Applicants fill out an online application (if eligible) or download an application form. All applications require some documents to be sent to AHPRA by mail.
3. Education providers advise AHPRA when applicants are eligible to graduate
4. AHPRA finalises assessment, confirms registration, publishes new graduates' names on the Register of Practitioners and sends out registration certificates
5. New graduates registered with their profession's National Board are eligible to start working as soon as their name is published on the Register of Practitioners

For more information

- Go to the Graduate Applications Website at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx> for FAQs and links to more information
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
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