

Media release

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Time running out for medical radiation practitioners to renew registration by 30 November

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) today urged those medical radiation practitioners who have received a renewal notice and are yet to renew their registration - due 30 November for most practitioners - to renew on time.

Board Chair Mr Neil Hicks said the number of medical radiation practitioners who have already renewed online was pleasing.

"To date, 57% of the 8,493* medical radiation practitioners due to renew their registration by 30 November 2012 have already renewed online which is a fantastic result," Mr Hicks said.

Medical radiation practitioners due to renew their registration by 30 November 2012 number 3,739 in New South Wales, 3,305 in Victoria, 45 in Queensland, 50 in Western Australia, 926 in South Australia, 3 in Tasmania, 227 in ACT and 110 in the Northern Territory. There are 88 practitioners have not listed a principal place of practice.

"To ensure that everyone who wants to renew their registration does so, hard copy letters have been sent to medical radiation practitioners who have already received email reminders but are yet to renew online," Mr Hicks said.

"In the National Scheme, health professionals 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."

Mr Hicks said once AHPRA received a practitioner's application for renewal of registration they would stop receiving renewal reminders. A new online facility to 'opt out' of renewing registration also puts a stop to renewal reminders.

"Medical radiation practitioners who do not want to renew their registration can simply ignore the reminders or go online to 'opt out' of renewing," he said.

"This new online facility will provide the Board and AHPRA with good data on the number of medical radiation practitioners who have chosen to opt out, to distinguish them from individuals who intended to renew, but did not do so on time.

"I urge anyone due to renew by 30 November who has not yet done so to act quickly."

Mr Hicks noted that there were significant consequences for individual medical radiation practitioners who do not renew on time in the National Scheme.

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 Registers of Practitioners. 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.

Medical radiation practitioners can check that their application has been received via the online receipt service at [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Renewal Received Confirmation](#). Individuals whose application to renew registration has been received can practise while their application is being processed.

The listing on the National Registers of Practitioners is evidence for employers that a health professional is registered, even if their registration expiry date has passed. Alternatively, medical radiation practitioners can print off a copy of their registration certificate using AHPRA’s online services at www.ahpra.gov.au.

Failure to renew:

Medical radiation practitioners who forget to renew their registration by 30 November 2012, or within the following one month late period, can apply to AHPRA for a fast-track application for registration. These practitioners should note that they are not able to practice in their profession until their fast-track registration application has been processed and approved.

Renew online – Register on time

** Not all registered medical radiation practitioners in Australia need to renew by 30 November. Practitioners who transitioned into the National Scheme from state boards in Tasmania, Queensland and Western Australia have different renewal dates.*

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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