

## Media release

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### 2012/13 National Scheme Annual Report published

The 2012/13 Annual Report of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards has been published.

The report details the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in implementing the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme over the 12 months to 30 June 2013.

There are now more than 590,000 health practitioners registered to practise in Australia – an increase in all professions and more than ever before – with one in 20 working Australians a registered health practitioner.

‘The National Scheme has a significant impact on the lives of many Australians – directly on all health practitioners who are registered to practise, and indirectly through our work to protect public safety and maintain professional standards,’ AHPRA Agency Management Committee Chair Peter Allen said.

‘The ongoing, effective functioning of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is a reflection of the partnership and collaboration between AHPRA and the National Boards,’ Mr Allen said.

For the medical radiation practice profession the report reveals that:

- 13,905 medical radiation practitioners were registered at the end of June 2013
- 26 notifications (concerns/complaints) were received about medical radiation practitioners and of these 20 were lodged outside NSW where there is a co-regulatory system<sup>1</sup>
- 10 notifications were closed by the end of June 2013
- of the 10 notifications closed under the National Scheme, the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia determined:
  - to take no further action or that the case was to be retained and managed by the health complaints entity in the relevant state or territory in six cases
  - that conditions be imposed on a practitioner’s registration in three cases, and
  - to issue a caution in one case.
- the Board established the Medical Radiation Practice Accreditation Committee and expects that accreditation standards will be in place later in 2013 with assessment of programs of study expected to start soon after.

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia Chair Neil Hicks said effective and proportionate regulation was the constant goal of all National Boards.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is part of the National Scheme but notifications about practitioners’ health, performance and conduct are handled by the [HCCC](#) and the NSW health professional councils supported by the [HPCA](#).

'Every decision National Boards make consciously focuses on striking the right balance between public safety and facilitating access to health services,' Mr Hicks said.

'This report explains the work we do, and accounts to the community and the health professions about how we do it,' he said.

The annual report is published on the [AHPRA website](#) under *Legislation and publications*.

It includes a detailed report – including data – for the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

A media release about the report – with data across professions and jurisdictions – is published on the [AHPRA website](#).

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