

Communiqué

11 December 2013

Update from the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) met in Brisbane on 26 November, the day after an information session held at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital. The topics discussed are outlined in this Communiqué.

Supervised practice

The Board has finalised arrangements for supervised practice in 2014.

The Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) will offer the Supervised Practice Program (formerly known as the NPDP) to eligible graduates of diagnostic radiography and radiation therapy programs of study.

The Australian & New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) will offer the Professional Development Year to eligible graduates of nuclear medicine programs of study.

Additional details about the programs can be found on the Board's [website](#).

Accreditation standards

The Accreditation standards for assessing and accrediting university medical radiation science programs of study were approved by the Board. Publication of the standards will follow shortly after the publication of this Communiqué.

Professional capabilities for medical radiation practice

The professional capabilities for medical radiation practice are now published on the Board's [website](#). These capabilities identify the knowledge, skills and professional attributes needed to safely practise diagnostic radiography, nuclear medicine technology and radiation therapy.

Some of the National Board's registration standards, codes and guidelines will refer to these capabilities, as will the Board's accreditation standards that will be used both to assess courses that qualify graduates to register in the profession and the education providers that offer those courses.

2012/13 Annual report

AHPRA and the National Boards have published the 2012/13 annual report. The 2013 annual report details the work of the National Boards over the 12 months to 30 June 2013. It contains a wealth of data about all the professions regulated through the National Scheme, as well as specifically about the medical radiation profession. It provides useful insights into the work of the Board and AHPRA. The 2012/13 Annual Report is available on the [AHPRA website](#) under 'Legislation and Publications'.

Registration renewal now in late period

Medical radiation practitioners across Australia were reminded by AHPRA and the National Board that their registration was due for renewal by 30 November 2013. By the start of the late period, over 90 per cent of medical radiation practitioners had renewed, the majority online.

If you didn't renew your registration on time, you can still renew until **31 December 2013**, but a late payment fee will apply. The quickest and easiest way to renew your registration is [online](#). Medical

radiation practitioners who do not want to renew their registration to keep practising can simply ignore the reminders from AHPRA or go online to 'opt out' of renewing.

AHPRA and the National Board want to make sure that practitioners who wish to renew their registration do so before they risk it lapsing. Renewal reminders will continue to be sent throughout the renewal period. Using the 'opt out' service and registering your decision to not renew registration puts a stop to renewal reminders.

Under the National Law¹, if you haven't renewed by 31 December 2013 your registration will lapse. Your name will be removed from the [national register of practitioners](#) and you must cease to practise immediately. If you wish to keep practising you must make a new application for registration.

Fast track application forms will be available on the Board website under *Forms* or by phoning the AHPRA Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 during January. If submitting a fast track application, you cannot practise until your application is processed and your registration details are updated on the national register.

An FAQ about renewal is available on the Board's [website](#).

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- For all media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200
- Visit www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/
- Practitioners with registration enquiries can call 1300 419 495 (from within Australia), or +61 3 8708 9001 (from overseas)

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).