

Communiqué

The first meeting for 2015 of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the National Board) was held in Melbourne on 24 February 2015. This update highlights news from the meeting.

Accreditation

The Medical Radiation Practice accreditation committee recently accredited programs of study offered by Curtin University and Deakin University.

The Board considered the accreditation reports and approved for general registration the following programs of study:

- Curtin University Bachelor of Science (Medical Imaging Science) in the division diagnostic radiography
- Curtin University Master of Radiation Therapy as a qualification in the division of radiation therapy
- Deakin University Bachelor of Medical Imaging as a qualification in the division of diagnostic radiography

All three programs of study will be included on the Board's list of 'approved programs of study' which is published on the Board's website.

Under the National Law, the Accreditation Committee must monitor each approved program of study to ensure it continues to be satisfied the program and provider meet the accreditation standards. For more information on accreditation processes please see the [Accreditation tab](#) on the Board's website

Forthcoming audit of medical radiation practitioners

Each time a practitioner applies to renew their registration, they make a declaration that they have (or have not) met some or all of the registration standards for their profession. The audit requires that practitioners provide further information to support their declarations and explanations to support why some requirements have not been met.

In May 2015, AHPRA on behalf of the Board, will undertake audits of compliance with the Board's registration standards which include criminal history, CPD, PII and recency of practice. All practitioners are urged to be aware of the requirements of these registration standards. For more information please refer to the Board's [Audit page](#).

What is the process?

- Registrants are randomly selected for audit and receive an audit notice in the mail.
- Registrants have four weeks to provide the requested documentation to AHPRA. Along with the notice, participants will receive a checklist to assist in preparing the required documentation as evidence of the activities which meet the requirements of the standard.

- Once AHPRA has received the completed checklist and supporting documentation, the submission will be compared against the declarations the registrant made in their last renewal application.
- AHPRA may request further documentation be provided and / or refer cases to the National Board or delegated committee for further investigation.
- Registrants will be advised of the outcome of the audit.

End of grandparenting provisions campaign launched

This week the Medical Radiation Practice, Chinese Medicine, Occupational Therapy, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Boards launched an information campaign about the end of the grandparenting provisions for registration.

The campaign reminds practitioners that they need to be registered to practice, and that the arrangements for those practising before these professions joined the National Scheme in 2012 will end on 1 July 2015.

An advertisement has been placed in the Weekend Australian, together with news articles on AHPRA and Board's websites. In order to reach all affected parts of the community, the Boards will also be sending letters to stakeholders, publishing advertisements in ethnic newspapers and journals and including information in Board communications. AHPRA will also utilise social media platforms. These activities will run through to 1 July 2015. For more information, click [here](#).

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