

## Media release

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### Pharmacy Board of Australia revised guidelines now in effect

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) is reminding pharmacists that revised guidelines published in September take effect today.

The revised guidelines provide guidance to the profession on a range of issues. The early release of the guidelines was so pharmacists could become familiar with their content before implementation.

The revised guidelines now in effect are:

- Guidelines for dispensing of medicines
- Guidelines on practice-specific issues
- Guideline 1 Reference texts for pharmacists
- Guidelines on dose administration aids and staged supply of dispensed medicines, and
- Guidelines for proprietor pharmacists.

Some of the changes to the guidelines were [highlighted](#) by the Board in September.

Under section 41 of the National Law<sup>1</sup>, Board guidelines can be used in disciplinary proceedings under the National Law or law of a co-regulatory jurisdiction, as evidence of what constitutes appropriate professional conduct or practice for pharmacists.

When considering notifications (complaints) against pharmacists, the Board may give consideration to whether a breach of Board guidelines has taken place.

The [revised guidelines](#) are available in the Codes, Guidelines and Policies section of this website.

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