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## Media release

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### AHPRA Delivers Student Register

A national Student Register is now in place, meeting a core requirement of the National Law.

The CEO of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), Mr Martin Fletcher, said the Student Register would be maintained by AHPRA to reflect the profile of students as advised by Australia's education providers.

"We are delighted the Student Register is now established. Like the Registers of Health Practitioners, the Student Register is dynamic and will continue to be updated to reflect student enrolments around Australia," Mr Fletcher said.

Under the National Law, the Student Register is not public. The role of the 10 National Health Practitioner Boards in relation to students is limited to student health impairment matters or when there is a criminal conviction of a serious nature, either of which may adversely impact on public safety. National Boards have no role to play in the academic progress or conduct of students which continues to be a core responsibility of educational providers.

"When designing the National Law, Ministers were guided by the principle of public safety and determined that the impact of registration on students should be as limited as is necessary to achieve this," Mr Fletcher said.

The Student Register was established through data provided by education providers to AHPRA and will continue to be updated to reflect the movement of students through courses.

"Providing data to AHPRA about student enrolments is a new responsibility for education providers and we have greatly valued their co-operation in establishing the Student Register. We will continue to work with education providers to refine the data exchange process to ensure the ongoing accuracy and completeness of the Student Register," Mr Fletcher said.

The definition of education providers under the National Law is broad. It includes education providers delivering Board approved programs of study leading to registration. It also includes education providers, health services and other organisations or individuals that provide clinical experience placements for persons who are not enrolled in a Board approved program of study leading to registration and do not hold registration in Australia in the profession in which they are undertaking the clinical experience placement. This includes students from overseas.

Under the National Law, the National Boards for each of the 10 professions (listed above) have the power to register students from 2011. All students will be registered from the first year of their course, except in psychology. The Psychology Board of Australia does not register students and is using provisional registration for this purpose. Psychologists wishing to apply for provisional registration must do so either at the beginning of:

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- a) the 4+2 internship program; or
- b) their higher degree pathway.

To ensure the Student Register remains current, education providers must provide to AHPRA an updated list of all currently enrolled students in approved programs of study after each academic census date for Universities and TAFEs or commencement of approved courses for other training organisations; or provide student details at the commencement of clinical training that does not form part of an approved program of study and when the person does not hold registration in the health profession in which the clinical training is being undertaken.

*For more information*

- More detail on [student registration](#) and the implications for students and education providers is published on the [AHPRA website](#).
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