



## Communiqué

**26 April 2013**

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) met on 19 April 2013 at the national office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

### Current consultations

The first 10 National Boards to enter the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) have commenced the public consultation process on the following documents:

- revisions to the *Guidelines for advertising*
- revisions to the *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*,
- revisions to the *Code of conduct*, and
- a *Social media policy*.

The consultation process provides an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback. Information about the consultations is published on the Board's [website](#). The closing date for submissions is 30 May 2013.

### Upcoming consultations

Over the coming months, the Board, in partnership with AHPRA and other national boards will coordinate a consultation process for the consultation on common and profession specific registration standards and profession specific guidelines. The consultation procedure is published on the AHPRA [website](#).

Initially, the Board will consult on its registration standards followed by its guidelines for pharmacists. During the public consultation phase, stakeholders, pharmacists and the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed revised registration standards and guidelines.

### Extemporaneous dispensing (compounding) guideline

The Board's Compounding Working Party has been tasked with reviewing the guidelines on *Extemporaneous dispensing (compounding)* which are part of the *Guidelines on dispensing of medicines*. As part of its work plan, the working party has now finalised a practice profile for pharmacists undertaking complex compounding, complete with the mapping of its competencies against the National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia, 2010. The practice profile is equivalent to an indicative curriculum for complex compounding training courses and is intended to form the basis for a further work, the establishment of an accreditation process for complex compounding training courses.

Following approval by the Board the draft revised extemporaneous guideline and the practice profile will be circulated to stakeholder bodies for comment, with the Board's other guidelines as part of its scheduled guidelines review. The consultation process will be an opportunity for the Board to seek views on its proposals including timeframes for implementation, recognition for prior learning for pharmacists who have completed training programs prior to implementation of the revised guideline and the proposed process for accreditation of complex compounding training programs. After review of any suggestions and possible amendments, the guideline will be published on the Board's website.

### Quarterly registration data released

The Board has released quarterly registration data. The data profiles Australia's pharmacy workforce, including information on types of registration held, principal place of practice,

registrant age and gender. Publication of quarterly data that accurately reflects the number of registered health practitioners is one essential benefit of the National Scheme. The National Scheme requires that information about every registered health practitioner in Australia is published on a single national [register of practitioners](#), which is published online.

Visit the [Board website](#) to view the quarterly registration data.

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