



Communiqué

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The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) met on 21 February 2014 at the national office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

Expression of interest process for appointment as member of a panel

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) on behalf of the Board will shortly call for expressions of interest from experienced practising pharmacists interested in being included on a List of Approved Persons for appointment to panels.

Under the National Law¹, a National Board convenes health panels and performance and professional standards panels when required to hold hearings into specific health, performance or conduct matters for individual registered health professionals. Such panels consist of members chosen from a National Board List of Approved persons for appointment to panels.

Further information regarding the expression of interest process will be published on the Board's [website](#) in early March 2014.

Approval to begin internships

The Board reminds interns and preceptors of their legal obligations regarding internships. Interns must be granted provisional registration to comply with the Board's registration standards, including the *Supervised practice arrangements registration standard*.

Additionally, supervised practice cannot be accumulated unless an intern has had their period of supervised practice approved by the Board **before starting their internship**.

Application forms for provisional registration and approval of supervised practice can be downloaded from the Board's [website](#).

Any queries regarding provisional registration and approval of supervised practice can be directed to AHPRA by phoning 1300 419 495.

Snapshot of the registered workforce

The Pharmacy Board of Australia publishes quarterly data profiling Australia's pharmacy workforce, including a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants.

The Board's December 2013 data update shows there are 27,560 registered pharmacists in Australia, an increase of 221 practitioners since the last update in October. Of these, 24,867 have general registration and 1,763 have provisional registration.

A total of 917 pharmacists are non-practising and 13 have some form of limited registration.

Further information is published on the Board's [website](#).

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