



Communiqué

10 November 2014

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) met on 17 October 2014 in Melbourne.

2013/14 Annual Report

AHPRA and the National Boards have released their 2013/14 Annual Report on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The [2014 annual report](#) is a comprehensive record of the National Scheme for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014 and includes and the Pharmacy Board of Australia report.

This year for the first time, AHPRA and the National Boards have also published local summaries of our work regulating health practitioners in every state and territory.

These summaries and the 2014 annual report are published on the AHPRA website under [Publications](#).

A pharmacy specific profile will also be released and published over coming weeks. It will be accessible from the Board's website.

Read the [2014 annual report media release](#) on the AHPRA website.

Online renewal of registration

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for pharmacists holding general or non-practising registration. Pharmacists seeking to renew their registration are required to lodge an application by 30 November 2014 to avoid a late fee.

I encourage pharmacists to [renew online](#).

Under the National Law, all registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Last year 97.1 per cent of pharmacist renewals due by 30 November were submitted online.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to pharmacists with a registered email address by AHPRA on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

To ensure that future email and hard copy reminders to renew are received, AHPRA requires pharmacists' current contact information.

Pharmacists can check or update their contact details by using the [online services for practitioners](#). This requires a pharmacist's individual user ID and secure password. The user ID is not the pharmacist's registration number. To obtain their user ID, pharmacists can complete a [web enquiry form](#) and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type or call 1300 419 495.

Useful information for pharmacists is available on the Board's website:

[Registration standards](#)
[Codes and guidelines](#)
[Registration renewal](#)
[Renewal FAQ](#)

Online graduate application service

Final-year pharmacy students who will soon complete a Board-approved program of study are reminded that they can go [online](#) to apply for registration before they graduate through AHPRA's online graduate

application service. This service smooths the path from study to work by enabling final-year pharmacy students to apply for provisional registration four to six weeks before completing their course.

Graduates must make an application for provisional registration and are required to return some documents to AHPRA by mail to complete their application. An application for approval of supervised practice must also be sent to AHPRA.

Graduates and prospective preceptors are reminded that before supervised practice can commence, graduates must have been granted provisional registration with the Board, and had their supervised practice approved by the Board. Each graduate must check their registration status on the [online register of pharmacists](#) which also states when their supervised practice has been approved.

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[The Pharmacy Board of Australia](#) is the regulator of pharmacists in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent pharmacists are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for pharmacists and managing notifications (complaints) about pharmacists and pharmacy students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board's work in regulating Australia's pharmacists in the public interest is underpinned by [regulatory principles](#), which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

**Except in NSW and QLD which have co-regulatory arrangements.*