

## Communiqué

**3 August 2017**

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function under the National Law<sup>1</sup> and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board and matters regarding the National Scheme. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

### **Guidance on compounding of sterile injectable medicines published**

The Board has published guidance titled *Compounding of sterile injectable medicines* to replace the currently postponed section 'Expiry of compounded parenteral medicines' of its *Guidelines on compounding of medicines* (the guidelines). The revised guidance will come into effect on 1 February 2018.

The supporting frequently asked questions on the compounding of medicines have also been updated, with additional information about compounding injectable medicines to help pharmacists apply the revised guidance in their practice.

The Board has advised all pharmacists of the publication which was the topic of its 1 August 2017 [news item](#).

### **New advertising information available for practitioners**

New advertising information is now available on the AHPRA website to help pharmacists **check** and **correct** their advertising so they **comply** with legal requirements.

It includes:

- examples of non-compliant advertising by registered health practitioners and changes that would help it to comply with the National Law<sup>1</sup>
- information about AHPRA's process for managing advertising complaints, and
- a summary of advertising guidelines.

Pharmacists are responsible for their advertising and must be able to substantiate any claims made that their services benefit patients. If in doubt about a claim, pharmacists should leave it out of their advertising.

More about advertising requirements is in the *Advertising resources* section of the AHPRA website at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

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

## Quarterly registration data released

The Board has released its quarterly registration data as at 31 March 2017. The data profiles Australia's pharmacy workforce, including information on types of registration held, principal place of practice, registrant age and gender. The report can be accessed on the Board [Statistics](#) webpage.

## Further information

The Board publishes a range of information for pharmacists on its website at [www.pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au). For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme also refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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