



## Communiqué

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### August 2019 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders about the Board's work. Please share it with colleagues or employees who may be interested.

The Board held its 22nd meeting at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne on 28 August 2019.

#### Renewal of registration

The Board noted that the National Law requires all registered health practitioners to renew their registration annually. Paramedics who hold general or non-practicing registration will need to renew their registration by 30 November each year.

AHPRA will start sending out information on renewal in October. Look out for AHPRA's email reminders to renew your registration and confirm that online renewal is now open. Reminders will be emailed several times during the renewal period, so please make sure your contact details are up to date.

All registered paramedics must declare that they meet the Board's registration standards including criminal history, professional indemnity insurance, recency of practice and continuing professional development when they renew. It is important that all practitioners know and understand their obligations under these standards before they renew.

#### Applications for registration

Despite having already registered over 17,800 practitioners, the Board and AHPRA are still working through a number of applications yet to be finalised. Under the provisions of s80(5) of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (National Law), an application is deemed to have been withdrawn if an applicant has failed to respond to a request for information under s80(1) of the National Law within the required time frame. There are many open applications where people have failed to provide the required information, despite multiple requests. The Board and AHPRA are now issuing these people with a last and final chance notice to respond to the further information request before their application is withdrawn.

Those people with open applications should log in immediately and ensure their contact information (phone and email) is up to date, so they don't miss any important contact from AHPRA about their application.

#### Recency of Practice

In response to a number of enquiries about recency of practice-related matters, the Board has developed an FAQ on Recency of Practice which will be published shortly to assist people in clarifying their responsibilities under this standard.

### Further information

The Board publishes information for paramedics on its [website](#), and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, please refer to the AHPRA [website](#). Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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