

## Communique

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31 May 2018

### May 2018 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board met for the eighth time on Monday 21 May 2018 in Melbourne.

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) registration will become mandatory for paramedics from late 2018.

### Approval of Registration Standards

The Board noted the approval of the five mandatory and grandparenting registration standards by Health Ministers at the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Council meeting on 13 April and their subsequent publication and effect on 17 May 2018.

To gain and maintain registration as a paramedic, paramedics must demonstrate that they meet the five mandatory registration standards:

- continuing professional development
- criminal history
- English language skills
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements, and
- recency of practice.

Ministers also approved a time-limited grandparenting registration standard, which temporarily provides a path to registration for current paramedics who don't have an approved or accepted qualification, but can demonstrate their competency via other training, qualification and/or experience.

These standards were developed following extensive consultation with the paramedicine profession and the public. They are an important part of how we keep the public safe and set the minimum requirements for competent and safe practice of paramedicine in Australia.

All paramedics must be familiar with the contents of these standards as part of their application for registration under the National Scheme.

Visit the Boards website to view the [registration standards](#).

## Approved qualifications

Under s310 of the Health Practitioner National Law Act, the Board has approved the following CAA accredited programs of study<sup>1</sup> as providing a qualification for the purposes of general registration under the Health Practitioner Regulation Law (the National Law)<sup>2</sup>. An individual who holds one of these qualifications is qualified for general registration in paramedicine.

- [Australian Catholic University - Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [Australian Catholic University – Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [Central Queensland University - Bachelor of Paramedic Science](#)
- [Charles Sturt University - Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [Charles Sturt University - Bachelor of Paramedicine \(Honours\)](#)
- [Charles Sturt University - Graduate Diploma of Clinical Practice \(Paramedic\)](#)
- [Curtin University - Bachelor of Science \(Paramedicine\)](#)
- [Edith Cowan University - Bachelor of Science \(Paramedical Science\)](#)
- [Federation University – Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine](#)
- [Flinders University - Bachelor of Paramedic Science](#)
- [Latrobe University – Bachelor of Paramedic Practice/Bachelor of Public Health Promotion](#)
- [Monash University - Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology – Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedic Science](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Paramedic Science](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology - Bachelor of Paramedic Science - Graduate Entry](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland - Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [University of Sunshine Coast - Bachelor of Paramedic Science](#)
- [University of Tasmania - Bachelor of Paramedic Practice](#)
- [Victoria University - Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)
- [Western Sydney University – Bachelor of Health Science \(Paramedicine\)](#)

## Interim Codes and Guidelines

The Board agreed to adopt a number of shared and common codes and guidelines documents on an interim basis whilst revised versions of these documents are being developed and consulted upon for final Board approval. The Board agreed to this approach, as it was preferred that the profession have as much advance knowledge and understanding of these issues as possible, rather than wait until closer to participation day<sup>3</sup> to be advised of these documents. The interim codes and guidelines adopted by the Board include:

- code of conduct for health practitioners
- guidelines for the advertising of regulated health services
- social media policy, and
- guidelines for mandatory notifications.

## Keep up to date

The Board encourages all stakeholders to visit [www.paramedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au) to read the latest news and sign up for [e-News updates](#) from the Board and AHPRA, so you can hear about upcoming events and plan to get maximum benefit from them. Forums will be held in several state capitals over the next few months - all paramedics are welcome to attend and details will be published via the Board's website and e-News in the near future.

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<sup>1</sup> Under s310 of the National Law, the Board has until participation day to approve or refuse to approve, a Council of Ambulance Authorities' (CAA) accredited program of study, as published on the [CAA's website](#).

<sup>2</sup> As enacted in each state and territory.

<sup>3</sup> The day the paramedicine profession becomes regulated under the National Scheme.

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