



Communiqué

December 2018 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 any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

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

The Board held its 15th meeting at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne on Monday 17 December 2018.

Season's Greetings

This meeting was the last for 2018 and it afforded the Board an opportunity to reflect on the previous year of work which saw the achievement of many important milestones, culminating with the commencement of paramedic regulation on 1 December. The Board would like to extend its thanks and season's greetings to everyone who has supported the Board in its work during the implementation of paramedic regulation and wish them all the best for 2019.

Looking forward

Whilst 2018 has been extremely busy, with a significant amount work done, there is still much more work to do to fully integrate and imbue the paramedic profession into the National Scheme. The focus of work in 2019 will be around establishing the accreditation function for paramedicine and implementing ongoing ethical and professional standards for the paramedicine profession.

National regulation of paramedics commenced on 1 December 2018

Paramedicine is now a nationally regulated profession and the titles 'paramedic' and 'paramedicine' will become protected by law. This means that from 1 December 2018, only people who are registered with the Board or who have applied for registration before 1 December 2018 will be able to lawfully call themselves a paramedic.

The Board has received over 17,000 applications for registration to date and is able to continue receiving applications for registration from existing paramedics under the 'grandparenting' provisions until 30 November 2021.

Those who have made an application for registration as a paramedic before 1 December 2018 can continue to use the title 'paramedic' or otherwise hold themselves out to be a paramedic until their application is decided.

Those who have not applied for registration before 1 December 2018 are unable to use the title paramedic or otherwise hold themselves out as a paramedic until they have been granted registration by the Board.

There may be a limited period of exemption available for some people in specific circumstances. Those who are eligible for registration (i.e. hold a suitable qualification or can demonstrate a period of practice

that meets the requirements for registration and also meet the suitability requirements for registration) may be eligible for this exemption. People who meet these requirements should make an application for registration as soon as possible and may continue to use the title and/or otherwise hold themselves out as a paramedic until 28 February 2019.

Those who make an application after 28 February 2019 cannot use the title paramedic or hold themselves out as a paramedic until they have been granted registration by the Board.

Paramedics can find out everything they need to know about applying for registration at www.paramedicineboard.gov.au.

Accreditation arrangements for paramedicine

The Board has published an expression of interest for membership of the Paramedicine Accreditation Committee. Applications close on 31 January 2019. More information can be found on the [Board's website](#)

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