



Communiqué

November 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 work of the Board. Please share it with colleagues or employees who may be interested.

The Board held its 24th meeting at the Ahpra Hobart office on November 2019.

Renewal of registration

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 with the Board by 30 November each year.

Practitioners who have not received email invitations to renew should check the expiry date of their registration to check if they need to renew by 30 November 2019. Practitioners who have registered for the first time in the past few weeks have been granted registration until 30 November 2020 and will renew for the first-time next year.

Practitioners who make an adverse declaration or an error on their renewal application but are still able to complete and pay for their renewal, cannot renew automatically and will need to be individually considered by the Board. This can take some time, but provided the renewal is complete and they receive an email to this effect they can continue to practice and use the title paramedic under s108 of the National Law until their renewal is decided by the Board. Their expiry date will still be shown as 30 November 2019 during this time.

Practitioners who do not renew by 30 November 2019, have an additional month in which to renew (and pay a late fee) before they are removed from the national register of paramedics. Practitioners who are removed from the register will need to reapply for registration if they wish to continue to use the protected title paramedic.

Upcoming consultations

The program of work to fully embed the profession in the National Scheme will continue in 2020, with public consultation pending on a variety of items, including a revised code of conduct and capabilities for registered paramedics. Keep an eye on the Board's website for advice about these important consultations.

Season's Greetings

1 December marks the end of the first year of paramedic regulation. It has been a busy and eventful year and an outstanding success by any measure. The continued support and cooperation of the paramedic profession, employers, unions and professional bodies have been an important factor in the successful implementation of paramedic regulation.

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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