

Communiqué

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Update from the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Registration renewal

Registration for medical radiation practitioners is due for renewal by 30 November 2013 and reminders are being emailed to those who have provided a registered email address. It is important that medical radiation practitioners make sure the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has their current contact information so they don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew.

To update contact details using AHPRA's secure online services, medical radiation practitioners can visit www.ahpra.gov.au:

- go to the bottom of the home page
- click on *Update Contact Details* under Services for Practitioners
- use their user ID and secure password, and
- follow the prompts.

As announced in July, the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) reduced the registration fee to \$295; this is \$30 less than in the previous year. The Board has also reduced the application fee to \$275, a reduction of \$25. The Board was supported in its decision by AHPRA's commitment to increasing the effectiveness of its services while at the same time pursuing efficiencies that would see a reduction in AHPRA's administrative costs over the next 18 months. The new fees apply from 1 August 2013.

University visits

The Board together with the local Registration Manager from AHPRA is visiting each university that offers medical radiation practice programs to better inform final year students of registration requirements. Students of an approved program leading to registration will be able to go online to apply for registration before they graduate. The online graduate registration service at AHPRA's website enables final year students to apply for registration four to six weeks before completing their course. Further information can be found here: www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx

Meeting with professional associations

The Board met with Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) at its recent board meeting and discussed matters of mutual interest including registration, continuing professional development and supervised practice. This follows a similar meeting in August the Board held with the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) as part of the Board's regular meetings with stakeholders.

Capabilities approved

Following consideration of the submissions received through public consultation, the Board has finalised the *Professional capabilities for medical radiation practitioners*. The capabilities outline the entry-level requirements for medical radiation practitioners and will be provided to the Board's Accreditation Committee, to assist in their work of developing accreditation standards to assess and monitor programs of study. The statement is currently being prepared for publication and will be uploaded to the Board's website in November 2013.

Supervised practice

The Board has held discussions with the professional associations ANZSNM and AIR about supervised practice. For more information please see the Board's recently released statement: www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/News/2013-10-03-supervised-practice.aspx

As soon as supervised practice arrangements are finalised, details will be provided by the Board.

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