

Communiqué

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Seasonal Message

The commencement of national registration for medical radiation practitioners on 1 July 2012 heralded a new age for the professions. At this time of year the Board wishes to thank all those who have been involved and have contributed to the success of the first national Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

During this festive season please take time to safely relax and enjoy the company of family and friends. For those tireless professionals who will provide health services at this time of year, thank you for your contribution towards the continued health of the Australian public.



Season's greetings and best wishes for the new year

December 2012 Meeting of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) met in Melbourne at the AHPRA National Office on 11 December for its final meeting of 2012. The Board considered a range of issues including accreditation, registration matters, future public consultations and finances.

Accreditation Committee

Interviews for the Accreditation Committee were held in early December, and the Accreditation Committee will be formally appointed and announced in January 2013. The Accreditation Committee is also scheduled to have its first meeting in January 2013. The Committee has a significant task in front of it in 2013 to produce approved accreditation standards and establish a schedule of program assessment.

Supervised Practice Consultation

The Board will meet in January 2013 to prepare the final consultation paper on supervised practice. It is anticipated that the consultation paper will be provided for public comment in February 2013. When released, details of the consultation will be on the Board's website under the Current Consultations tab.

Email distribution list

For those practitioners who wish to receive the Board's regular updates and communiqués, you can do so by joining the distribution list at the following webpage:

www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/About/Receive-Updates.aspx

Renewal of registration

Practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time. Applications for renewal after the registration expiry date of 30 November 2012 ordinarily incur a late fee, however the Board has waived this fee. Practitioners are still able to renew their registration in the period between 30 November and 31 December 2012.

If a registered medical radiation practitioner has not applied to renew their registration by 31 December 2012, their name must be removed from the National Register of Practitioners. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise in Australia until a new application for registration is approved. Neither the Board nor AHPRA have any discretion about this. If you have any questions about completing the application for registration renewal, please contact AHPRA immediately on 1300 419 495.

Community Reference Group

AHPRA is establishing a Community Reference Group on behalf of all National Boards in the National Scheme. The Community Reference Group will consist of ten members from the community who will provide input and advice on how AHPRA and the National Boards can engage the community more effectively. More information on how to apply to become a member will be available on the AHPRA website in coming weeks, with applications expected to close at the end of January.

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