

## Communiqué

### Transitional Arrangements for Supervised Practice in 2012

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From 1 July 2012 the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (National Law) introduces the national registration scheme for medical radiation practitioners.

The Board is currently considering the future management of Supervised Practice for graduate practitioners.

Currently in many States and Territories the professional associations - the Australian Institute of Radiography (AIR) and the Australian and New Zealand Society for Nuclear Medicine (ANZSNM) - have taken the lead role in administering supervised practice programs that mediate the entry of medical radiation practice graduates into the profession. From 1 July 2012 the National Law places those responsibilities into the hands of the National Board.

Following consultation with State and Territory Registration Boards and professional associations regarding the transition of supervised practice into the National scheme, the Board has determined that there will be principally no change to the current process of post graduate supervised practice during 2012. In the main, supervised practice will continue to be facilitated by the professional associations in 2012.

In Queensland, the MRTBQ manages supervised practice for probationary practitioners and this will continue up until 30 June 2012. From 1 July 2012 the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia will be responsible for supervised practice and will be working with the MRTBQ toward the transition of Qld probationary practitioners into the National Scheme.

Please note that the National Board has agreed that it will recognise supervised practice programs provided by the AIR, ANZSNM and MRTBQ for the purposes of applying for general registration after completing a probationary period in 2012.

The Board has taken this approach so as to minimize the disruption to graduates and the profession during the transition year and to allow the Board time to review the results of the consultation process in developing a supervised practice program for 2013 and beyond.

The National Board will continue to consult widely on the matter of supervised practice and develop registration standards and guidelines. Currently the Board is asking for feedback on its Supervised Practice Registration Standard – details of which are on the Board's website at [www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx](http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx). The Board encourages stakeholders to make a submission on the proposed standard and other guidelines. Please send submissions via email to [medicalradiationconsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:medicalradiationconsultation@ahpra.gov.au) by C.O.B **19 Jan 2012**

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