

Communiqué

Seventh meeting of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

21 February 2012

Application forms are now available on the Board's website

Unregistered practitioners are encouraged to submit their correctly completed forms by 30 March so applications can be processed and they can be registered by 1 July

www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au

At its first meeting for 2012, the Board considered a wide range of issues including accreditation, delegations, communication strategies and registration matters.

This Communiqué aims to inform stakeholders and registrants of the progress in the work of the national board.

Update on registration standards

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council has approved the Board's registration standards which are now available on the Board's website under the [Registration Standards](#) tab.

Registration Fees

The Board has set their general registration fees for 2012-2013 and is now working on the fees for other categories of registration i.e. limited and provisional. Once fee levels have been communicated to Ministers, they will be published on the Board's website. The application and annual renewal fees can be found on the Board's website under the [Registration](#) tab.

Communication

The Board is keenly aware of the mounting interest among both registered and unregistered practitioners as the time moves towards 1 July. A comprehensive communications plan has been developed and is being implemented across the country. FAQs have been published on the National Board website and information forums are being held in metropolitan and regional areas of New South Wales and South Australia.

The Board strongly encourages all registrants whose renewal of registration falls due in June 2012, to renew with their current board well before the end of June to facilitate their safe transition to the national scheme.



The Board also encourages all unregistered medical radiation practitioners to submit their applications for registration by **30 March 2012**. This will assist the Board and AHPRA to manage and process applications for 1 July 2012. The application form and supporting documentation such as approved qualifications and assistance for those applying under the Grandparenting provision are available at www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx

Update on codes and guidelines

Feedback from the Board's recent consultation on the *Code of Conduct*, *Mandatory Notifications* and *Advertising guidelines* in addition to *Supervised Practice Registration Standard* was considered by the Board. The Board will consider the feedback received and its obligations under the National Law, and develop the final versions of those standards, codes and guidelines. These will then be sent to Ministerial Council (the state and territory health ministers) for approval before being released and implemented.

Accreditation

One of the objectives of the National Law is to facilitate the provision of high quality education and training of health practitioners. The accreditation function is the primary way of achieving this. The National Law defines the respective roles of the Board and its appointed accreditation authority.

The Board is working with its appointed accreditation provider the Australian Medical Radiation Sciences Accreditation Council, to draw together the collaborative requirements under the National Law.

General matters

The Board's website has received an increase in traffic over the past three months indicating that there is a high demand for accurate information. Further information on the work of the Board can be found at <http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/>

LATE NEWS

The Board has been holding information Forums in New South Wales and South Australia. The Board welcomed the opportunity to engage with practitioners, and thanks the many people that were able to attend. The Board also appreciates the feedback provided by practitioners, employers and industry representatives.

A number of practitioners have indicated difficulty with the Board's *English language skills registration standard*. The Board is conscious of these concerns and is developing further advice to guide practitioners.

Neil Hicks

Chair

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