

Communiqué

23 October 2012

October 2012 Meeting of the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

At its October 2012 meeting, the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) considered a range of issues including accreditation, registration matters, continuing professional development and supervised practice.

Accreditation Committee

Following consideration of feedback from the consultation on composition of its Accreditation Committee, the Board released a call for expressions of interest on 12 October 2012. The Board is intent on ensuring that the Committee is comprised of members who bring substantive skills, knowledge and experience from the profession, equally the Board values a broad spectrum of skills and knowledge that is not confined to the medical radiation profession.

In relation to the composition of the Accreditation Committee the Board has decided,

1. the Committee will have representation from all three divisions of registration, i.e. Diagnostic Radiography, Radiation Therapy and Nuclear Medicine
2. the Committee will be advised by members with
 - a. expertise in education and/or clinical training
 - b. expertise in accreditation
 - c. expertise in professional practice
3. the Committee will benefit from the advice from members external to the profession and those who may also be able to articulate community views, and
4. to be flexible in the number of members appointed to the Committee. The overarching objective being that the combined skills, knowledge and experience of all Committee members are representative, and complimentary in meeting the Committee's functions under the National Law.

The Board has called for nominations and expressions of interest for the Accreditation Committee, and applications should be received by COB on Monday 29 October 2012.

For more information please see the Vacancies section of the Board's website: [Vacancies](#)

Arrangements for supervised practice in 2013 for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists

The Board and the Australian Institute of Radiography continue to negotiate for a supervised practice program for 2013. The Board is hopeful that it can approve arrangements for supervised practice for diagnostic radiographers and radiation therapists in the very near future.

Supervised practice arrangements for 2014 and beyond

Following the Board's previous consultation on its Supervised Practice registration standard, the Board continues to develop its approach to Supervised Practice for 2014. Following feedback at the Supervised Practice Forum in Melbourne in August 2012, the Board is developing a further public consultation paper.

AHPRA Annual Report

AHPRA and the National Boards submitted the 2012 Annual Report to Ministers by 30 September as required by the National Law. The report, expected to be publicly released on 1 November, details the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in implementing the second year of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The release will be supported by the publication of a special edition of AHPRA Report. The 2012 Annual Report and AHPRA Report will both be published online.

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