



## Communiqué

The fifteenth meeting of the Pharmacy Board of Australia was held on 17 December 2010 at the national office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

### Registration renewal now due for many pharmacists!

As previously advised, registration renewal is due by 31 December 2010 for the following groups of registrants:

- pharmacists in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania
- pharmacy graduates currently seeking provisional registration and
- interns currently seeking general registration having completed supervised practice hours after passing the registration examination.

The state and territory AHPRA offices will be open during the festive season other than on public holidays. Applicants for renewal of registration may renew their registration online or by submitting their hardcopy applications by post or in person at their local AHPRA office.

Under the National Law, pharmacists who do not renew their registration before the due date remain registered in a one month late period. If they do not renew their registration within one month of the due date, their name will be removed from the register and they will not be registered to practise. These individuals will need to submit a new registration application through a fast-track process in place for this year only. The Board reminds pharmacists whose name has been removed from the register that they may not practise until their name is restored to the Register of Pharmacists.

### Student registration

AHPRA is currently preparing to register pharmacy students for the 2011 academic year. Students who were registered before the commencement of the national registration scheme are already registered with the Board. The registration process is designed to minimise the impact on students so that individual students do not need to do anything directly to become registered with the Board. Education providers will provide student details to AHPRA after the March census and routinely after each subsequent census.

Under the National Law, information about students will be entered on the Register of Students. This is not published online and is not publicly available. Information on the Register of Students will remain confidential.

The Boards' role in registering students is limited to registering students and dealing with notifications about students whose health is impaired to such a degree that there may be a risk to the public or who have been found guilty of an offence punishable by 12 months

imprisonment or more. There are no fees for student registration.

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Chair  
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