

Communiqué

4 July 2011

The Pharmacy Board of Australia met on 24 June 2011 at the national office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

Health profession agreement

The Board is in the process of finalising its budget and the health profession agreement (HPA) with AHPRA. The HPA will outline how AHPRA will support the Board and enable the Board to fulfil its functions under the National Law and its primary role to protect the public. The HPA will also include details of fees set by the Board including fees for registrants which will be published on the Board's website shortly.

Auditing project

AHPRA has established the AHPRA Practitioner Audit Project, which will develop an auditing framework to ensure Health Practitioner compliance with registration standards. This will include auditing of CPD undertaken by pharmacists. Further information regarding a pilot CPD audit project will be provided to registrants later in the year.

Pharmacy Board of Australia website

The Board continues to publish important information on its website at www.pharmacyboard.gov.au. Pharmacists are encouraged to access the website regularly to keep up to date with guidelines, policies, frequently asked questions (FAQs), fact sheets and registration standards. Pharmacists are reminded to read the information on Continuing Professional Development requirements in preparation for completion of their application for renewal of registration by not later than 1 November 2011.

Updating your contact details, including email address

Practitioners are encouraged to provide their email address to AHPRA (by updating their contact details online). This will enable the Board to send e-newsletters and other important information for the profession, and AHPRA to contact practitioners about important registration or renewal information.

You can update your contact details, including submitting your email address for the first time, online if you have received your ID and login. Go to 'Health Practitioner login' on the top right of the <u>Board's home page</u>.

If you have not received your ID and login please use the <u>online enquiry form</u> and select 'User ID' from the drop-down menu for category of enquiry, or call AHPRA on 1300 419 495 and ask our team for your user ID and login details. A request for change of address details form is also published on the website (Form CHDT-00) and can be found at www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Common-Application-Forms.aspx.

If you have your login details you will be able to print a copy of your registration certificate from the Board's website.

Registration Statistics

At 30 June 2011 the following is the number of registrants by type:

General registration pharmacists	23,231
Limited registration	7
Non-practising	816
Provisional	1888
Students	7778

Stephen Marty Chair

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