

**Advice to registrants – from the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency
(‘AHPRA’)**

Information on the new scheme subject to passage of Bill C in Tasmania

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme background

Legislation has now been passed in Queensland that establishes a national registration and accreditation scheme for 10 health professions. Legislation is being introduced in all States and Territories to adopt this scheme from 1 July 2010 so that from that point all registrants are included in the national scheme.

What happens on 1 July 2010?

If you are a registered practitioner in Tasmania on 30 June 2010, you will automatically be registered under the new scheme from 1 July 2010. If your registration falls due in June 2010, make sure that you have paid for renewal by the due date.

Prior to commencement of the new legislation, you will be personally advised of how your current registration translates into registration under the new scheme (including how any endorsements placed on your current registration translate). It is expected that this will occur around April 2010.

If you currently have any conditions placed on your registration or have made undertakings to the Council relating to your registration, these will be carried forward to your registration under the new scheme.

How are registration renewal dates and registration fees affected by the new legislation?

During the first year of operation of the new scheme, all registrants across Australia in your profession will be brought into the same registration cycle (except for International Medical Graduates (‘IMGs’)). The new renewal dates that will apply for each profession are outlined in the table below.

The registration fee to apply for your profession will be set by the national board over the coming months. Information on new fee levels will be available well in advance of 1 July 2010.

There will be no change for you until the expiry of your existing registration after 1 July 2010. The new fee levels will apply from that point. Your first registration under the new scheme may be shorter or longer than a 12-month period to bring you into the new renewal cycle. Your registration fee will be adjusted to take account of the shorter or longer period.

If you are currently registered in a number of jurisdictions, you will only have one registration under the new scheme. The fee for your first renewal under the new scheme will be adjusted according to the registration with the latest expiry date.

Further information

Information will be mailed directly to you in around April 2010, about the transition into the new scheme as it affects you.

Your current registration board will also continue to provide information regarding transition to the new scheme.

Regular information updates are provided by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the national boards on the AHPRA web site which can be accessed at www.ahpra.gov.au.

Profession	Registration renewal date under new scheme
Chiropractic	30 November
Dental	30 November
Medical	30 September
Nursing & Midwifery	31 May
Optometry	30 November
Osteopathy	30 November
Pharmacy	30 November
Physiotherapy	30 November
Podiatry	30 November
Psychology	30 November