

Media release

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Online renewal of registration is now open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners.

About 340 practitioners who are due to renew their registration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (the Board) by 30 November can submit an online application now.

Under the National Law¹, all registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Last year more than 96.3 per cent of all health practitioner registration renewals due by 30 November (12 professions) were submitted online. An increase of 6.3 per cent.

'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners are urged to renew their registration on time to be able to keep practising and to stay on the national register of practitioners,' Board Chair Peter Pangquee said.

The Board announced last month that it had frozen the registration fee at \$100 for the registration period from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. Fees can be confirmed on the [Board's website](#).

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is funded by practitioners' registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners with a registered email address by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

Mr Pangquee said practitioners whose contact details had not changed did not need to do anything. However, he urged others to act soon if they had not provided AHPRA with updated information.

'Make sure AHPRA has your current contact information so you don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew,' he said.

'Registering your email address also means you won't miss important regulatory updates from the Board.'

Mr Pangquee reminded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners to carefully read the Board's registration standards which specify the requirements for practice.

'You could be asked to provide information in support of your declarations so it's important to know what the requirements are for registration to practise before you apply.'

To update your contact details visit the [Board's website](#) and use the appropriate link under online services for practitioners. You will need your user ID and secure password. If you do not have your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

Useful information for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners is on the Board's website:

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [Renewal FAQ](#)

For more information

- Visit www.atsihealthpracticeboard.gov.au
- Visit www.ahpra.gov.au under *Contact us* to lodge an online enquiry form
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 03 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

¹The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#))