

Media release

Local decisions in a National Scheme – Registering health practitioners in NSW

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The number of registered health practitioners in the NSW has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner registration in NSW for the year ending 30 June 2016.

There are now 190,986 registered health practitioners in NSW, compared with 185,247 in the previous year and NSW has 29% of all registered health practitioners in Australia, and almost a third of them have a recognised specialty.

Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in the NSW as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how NSW compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides a NSW lens on the registration of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Sydney and the important work of health practitioner boards in the NSW.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

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- NSW has 29% of all registered health practitioners in Australia, and almost a third of them have a recognised specialty, and
- 18,224 new applications were received for registration in NSW, an increase of 6% from the previous year.

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