

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

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2010-11 Annual Report tabled: AHPRA and National Boards

The 2010-11 annual report of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards has been tabled in the Western Australian Parliament.

The report details the first year of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, which came into effect on 1 July 2010. It is underpinned by a single, nationally consistent law, the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). Under the scheme, the role of the National Boards is to protect the public by ensuring that only health practitioners who have the qualifications and skill to provide safe and ethical care are registered to practise. The National Boards work with AHPRA to meet their responsibilities under the National Law.

Over the past year, the regulation of health practitioners in Australia has undergone reform on an unprecedented scale.

"The outcome of this is a national system of health practitioner regulation in which uniform standards apply in each profession, increasing public and patient safety," said AHPRA CEO, Mr Martin Fletcher.

"The national scheme strikes a careful balance between public safety and supply of a flexible and qualified health workforce," Mr Fletcher said.

The data published in the 2010-11 Annual Report provides comprehensive national information about health practitioner regulation for the first time in Australia. There is detail about the profile of practitioners per state and per profession, as evidenced by registration data. There is information about notifications made about the conduct, health and performance of Australia's registered practitioners. Detail about the outcome of criminal history screening and mandatory reporting is included.

To increase the accessibility of the information in the annual report, AHPRA has published a special edition of AHPRA Report, the agency's e-newsletter. It contains summaries of key data by profession, by state and territory, in the context of national analysis.

To access AHPRA Report, click here.

To access the 2010-11 annual report of AHPRA, the National Boards and the national scheme, click here.

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