

Professions Reference Group Communiqué

The Professions Reference Group (PRG) met at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National office in Melbourne on Wednesday 15 April 2015.

The group discussed:

- the current status of the final report on the three-year review of the National Scheme
- changes to the AHPRA organisational structure including the implementation of new [Regulatory principles](#)
- changes to regulatory arrangements in Queensland (effective 1 July 2014)
- work on improving the practitioner and notifier experiences during the notifications process
- tips to assist employers of health practitioners using the Register of practitioners to verify registration status
- changes to drug and alcohol screening for practitioners being monitored, including the interim drug screening protocol introduced in July 2014
- the implementation of revised registration standards and transitional arrangements, and
- AHPRA operations including an overview of notifications data.

PRG Members also approved minor revisions to the Terms of Reference and were able to bring any outstanding issues to the table for discussion.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the PRG will be held face to face at the AHPRA offices in Melbourne in August 2015.

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Chair

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