



Community News: Safer healthcare for You.

Welcome to the Ahpra and National Boards Community News. Summer Edition.



Let us introduce ourselves

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the 15 National Boards work in partnership to ensure Australia's registered health practitioners are suitably trained, qualified and safe to practise. Public safety is our priority.

Finding a Practitioner that is right for me

You can use the [Public Register](#) to search for a type of practitioner by location (eg. dentist in Ascot Vale, 3032). You can then narrow your search by language or gender, helping you find a practitioner that's right for you.



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Did you know?

The health workforce is growing! Last year there was approximately a 5% increase in the number of health practitioners we regulate. As at 30 June 2024, there were 920,533 registered health practitioners. That's 6.3% of working Australians. Find out more in our [2023/24 Annual Report](#).



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Stay in touch

We'd love to hear your feedback, especially if there are any topics you would like to know more about. Contact us at communitynews@ahpra.gov.au.



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More doctors to work in Australia through a new expedited specialist registration pathway

A [new registration pathway](#) will allow international specialists from similar health systems to see Australian patients sooner.

GPs, psychiatrists and anaesthetists with pre-approved specialist qualifications from the UK, Ireland and New Zealand can now apply directly to the Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA for registration, rather than be assessed individually by a specialist college like the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). This will cut down the time it takes for them to get registered, allowing them to see patients sooner.

Approved doctors must meet the same registration standards as all other specialists, as well as being supervised for six months by an Australian-registered specialist, have an orientation to Australia's health system, and complete mandatory cultural safety education.

International medical graduates with specialist qualifications in general medicine, general paediatrics and diagnostic radiology will be the next priorities for the expedited pathway.



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Health regulators take stand against family violence

Health regulators across the country including Ahpra and National Boards recently released a joint statement recognising our roles in efforts to address family violence. It calls on all registered health practitioners to play their part in the early detection, support, referral, documentation of incidents, and delivery of specialised treatment for people experiencing family violence. When registered health practitioners who are perpetrators of family violence come to our attention, a regulatory response is required to ensure the health, safety, and protection of the public.

You can read the joint statement [here](#).



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If you have information about a registered health practitioner engaging in these behaviours, you can [raise a concern with us](#).



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