

Communiqué

31 January 2018

January 2018 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) met for the fourth time on Monday 22 January 2018 in Melbourne.

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) registration will become mandatory for paramedics from late 2018.

Happy New Year

2018 looks to be an exciting and busy year for the Paramedicine Board of Australia and the paramedicine profession. The preparation work, organisation and planning required by AHPRA¹ and the Board to introduce paramedics into the National Scheme is a significant undertaking, but the Board is confident that it will be achieved. The Board is looking to work closely with major employers, stakeholder groups and the profession as part of this process to ensure there is clear and accurate understanding of what is required for the paramedicine profession to smoothly transition into the National Scheme.

Consultation

The Board noted an update on the feedback from consultation received to date on the draft registration standards. The Board noted that consultation closes on **8 February 2018**. All of the draft standards can be accessed on the [Board's website](#) and the Board urges all interested individuals and organisations to submit feedback on the proposed standards by responding to specific questions included in the consultation papers.

All submissions should be made using the templates published on the [Board's consultation page](#) and sent via email to paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au. Please note that the Board will publish all submissions on its website, unless marked confidential, to encourage wide consideration and discussion and inform the community and stakeholders.

Webinar

The Board will be hosting a webinar to help you find out what you need to know about the registration standards. The webinar will explain what it means to be a registered paramedic under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law) and answer any questions you have about the registration standards.

The webinar will be held on Tuesday 6 February 2018 from 6-7:30pm AEDT. [Sign up today](#) to receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Keep informed

The Board continues to encourage all stakeholders to visit www.paramedicineboard.gov.au regularly and to [register for e-News updates](#) during the implementation period to receive the latest news on our progress towards implementing the national regulation of paramedics.

Stephen Gough ASM

Chair

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¹ The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.