

Communique

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July 2018 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders about the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues or employees who may be interested.

Registration will become mandatory for paramedics from late 2018 under the National Scheme.

Open for registration

To prepare for national regulation later this year, applications to the Board for registration will open via an online application portal from 9am AEST on Monday 3 September 2018.

To be able to continue to practise the profession in Australia, all paramedics will need to be registered or have applied for registration with the Board before regulation takes effect later this year.

Fees for registration

The Board has published information on the national fees for paramedic registration. The fees are a one-time application fee of \$190 and an annual registration fee of \$275. The fees apply to paramedics in all states and territories and are reviewed annually by the Board. A full schedule of fees will be announced in the coming weeks.

Qualifications

The Board approved three Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA) accredited programs of study as [approved qualifications](#) for general registration under section 310 of the National Law:

- Monash University – Bachelor of Emergency Health (Paramedic)
- Monash University – Bachelor of Emergency Health and Paramedic Practice, and
- Victoria University – Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic)

The Board will publish lists of qualifications assessed to meet the [grandparenting pathways](#) in the coming weeks. Please see the [grandparenting page](#) on the Board's website for further information.

Grandparenting policy framework

Last month the Board [published a policy framework](#) that supports the grandparenting pathways in the National Law, and approved in the 'grandparenting' registration standard.

A fundamental principle of the framework is to ensure that the public is protected and able to access safe and competent paramedic care. Grandparenting is an important element of assisting the paramedicine profession to transition into the regulatory scheme.

The Board received feedback from private practicing paramedics that some aspects of the policy framework could be better explained. The Board recently met with some private industry paramedics to better understand where clarification is needed. In particular, the Board will publish further information and resources about supervised practice, how is it defined, who can be a supervisor and the challenges of arranging supervised practice.

Engagement with the profession and key stakeholders

The Board is continuing its stakeholder engagement activities with a Melbourne Forum held in July, and forums scheduled in:

- Sydney on Monday 27 August (also live streamed)
- Brisbane on Thursday 20 September
- Adelaide on Monday 22 October, and
- Perth on Monday 5 November.

Check the Board's website to find out details of [how to register for these events](#). The Sydney forum will be live streamed and recorded for anyone unable to attend, particularly in remote or rural locations. All paramedics are invited to attend the forums in person or through the live stream.

A [recording of the Melbourne forum](#) held on 23 July is available on the Board website.

Sign up for updates & keep informed

Sign up for [e-News updates](#) from the Board and AHPRA to be advised about upcoming events and updates during the implementation period for national regulation of paramedics.

The Board also encourages stakeholders to regularly visit the website at www.paramedicineboard.gov.au.

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