



## Communiqué

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### July 2019 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on 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 share it with colleagues or employees who may be interested.

The Board held its 21st meeting at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne on 22 July 2019.

#### **Additional English Language tests approved**

The English language skills registration standard for paramedics (ELS standard) sets out that the Board can approve additional tests that meet the requirements of the Board for the demonstration of English language skills.

Currently, there is no paramedicine specific occupational English test (OET), and therefore, there is no OET test specified in the ELS registration standard. The Board has agreed however that an equivalent pass of the OET test for any other registered health profession will meet the Board's requirements for registration.

For example, an applicant who has successfully undertaken a Pharmacy OET test and has a minimum score of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking) either from one test sitting, or a maximum of two test sittings in a six month period (only if they are tested in all four components in each sitting, and they achieve a minimum score of B in each component across the two sittings, and no score in any component of the test is below C), will be deemed to have met the requirements of the ELS standard for paramedicine.

#### **Fact sheet on dual registered nurse and paramedics**

The Board and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia have released an updated fact sheet for dual registered practitioners that provides extra clarity about staying connected with the professions when maintaining recency of practice.

#### **Further information**

The Board publishes information for paramedics on its [website](#) and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the profession.

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