

## Communique

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### June 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 met for the ninth time on Monday 25 June 2018 in Melbourne.

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

#### Approval of policy framework for grandparenting pathways

The Board met out of session on 8 June 2018 and approved a policy framework to support the assessment of applications under the grandparenting provisions in the National Law. This information provides clarity about the different grandparenting pathways to registration and how qualifications and training in the paramedicine profession will be assessed by the Board when applications for registration are reviewed. An FAQ and diagram on the grandparenting pathways that describes this framework can be found on the Board's [Grandparenting registration standard](#) webpage.

#### Approved programs of study

The Board discussed additional programs of study to approve for the purposes of registration as a paramedic under the National Law.

Further to the [qualifications for registration](#) already approved by the Board, the following course has also been approved:

- [Griffith University – Bachelor of Paramedicine](#).

An individual who holds this qualification is qualified for general registration in paramedicine.

#### List of approved persons for panels

The Board agreed to adopt a multi-professional approach to recruiting a list of approved persons to participate in decision making on notifications matters referred by the Board. This recruitment process is expected to begin in July 2018 - details for those interested will be published on the Board's website soon.

#### Interim professional capabilities for registered paramedics

The Board has approved an interim set of professional capabilities, against which the competence of paramedics can be assessed for the purposes of registration. The Board will be authorising a project to develop, consult and approve the ongoing professional capabilities for paramedics later this year. As it will be some time before these ongoing capabilities are approved, an interim set has been adopted for operational use by the Board short term.

#### Conducting competence assessments on behalf of the Board

The Board is seeking expressions of interest from potential assessment entities to undertake competence assessments of individual applicants against the interim professional capabilities for the purposes of

registration as a paramedic. The expression of interest document will be published on the Board's website soon.

### Keep informed

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

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