



Communiqué

The 67th meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 25 September in the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. We encourage you to distribute it widely to colleagues and interested parties.

Online renewal of registration is now open

Online renewal of registration is now open for dental practitioners registered in Australia.

Dental practitioners who are due to renew their general, specialist or non-practising registration with the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) by 30 November can apply online now.

Dental practitioners are reminded to carefully read the Board's [registration standards](#) which specify the profession's standards of practice before making the required declarations in their application for renewal of registration.

Earlier this month the Board announced that it had limited the fee increase to national CPI for the registration period from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016. A [fee schedule](#), including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW¹, is published on the Board's website.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to dental practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include a link to [online renewal](#) and will be sent to the email address you provided to AHPRA.

Do you need to renew your conscious sedation endorsement?

Dentists or dental specialists who use conscious sedation in their practice must have endorsed registration. More information about [conscious sedation](#) is available on the Board's website.

To be endorsed you must have completed an approved program or one assessed by the Board as equivalent to an approved program.

Individuals who hold an endorsement for conscious sedation must complete an approved refresher course before applying for renewal of registration and the endorsement.

The [national register of practitioners](#) confirms if a dental practitioner's registration includes an endorsement.

Newsletter

The Board has published the latest edition of its newsletter.

Newsletters are sent directly to practitioners for whom we have a current email address.

It is also available under the [news tab](#) on the Board's website.

Are your contact details up to date?

AHPRA will be sending out the first round of renewal notices next month. It is important that your contact details are up to date.

You can check your details via the [Login icon](#) at the top right of the AHPRA website.

Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

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