

## Newsletter article

### Update from the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

#### Applying for registration

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, registration will become mandatory for medical radiation practitioners Australia-wide from 1 July 2012.

There will be many new applicants for registration from across Australia under the new scheme. To ensure that all eligible applicants are registered and ready to go from 1 July 2012, the Medical Radiation Practice Board strongly encourages **all new registrants to apply for registration by 31 March 2012**.

Practitioners who are registered with a current state/territory registration board on 30 June 2012 will automatically transition to the national scheme, and will not need to apply for registration.

#### Registration standards

The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia met for the first time in July 2011, and has been working hard to set up the registration process for medical radiation practitioners.

Over a five-week period in September and October 2011, the Board released five draft mandatory registration standards for stakeholder consultation. The five mandatory registration standards relate to: professional indemnity insurance; criminal history; continuing professional development; English language skills; and recency of practice. In addition, the Board also released a proposed "grandparenting" standard, designed to provide a possible registration pathway for experienced practitioners who will not meet the new qualifications requirements.

The Board received over 54 submissions in relation to the draft standards, and would like to take this opportunity to thank stakeholders for their interest and valuable contributions. Those submissions not marked confidential are available on the Board's website at:

<http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/News/Consultations.aspx>

All feedback was considered by the Board, and the draft registration standards have now been provided to Health CEOs for consideration before they are submitted to Ministers for approval in December 2011. If Ministers approve the Standards in December, they will be published on the Board's website in early 2012.

#### Registration fees

Fees are currently being considered and will be published on the Board website in early 2012. There will be two fees: a one-off, non-refundable, initial application fee, which covers the administrative costs associated with processing new applications; and an annual registration renewal fee.

#### Communication

The Board's website can be found at <http://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/>. Visit the website regularly to keep up to date with the progress on registration and accreditation, and to participate in consultation on standards, policies, codes and guidelines.