



Communiqué

The 58th meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 21 November 2014. The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Dental practitioners need to renew registration by 30 November

Dental practitioners who do not renew their registration with the Board by 30 November will need to pay a late fee.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board, is sending registered practitioners a series of email and hard copy reminders to renew. Anyone who hasn't received a reminder to renew should phone AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

Renewal applications received by AHPRA after the registration expiry date will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee. This is outlined in the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#)).

Dental practitioners whose application is received on time, or during the following one month late period, can continue practising while their application is processed.

Practitioners who do not apply to renew their registration by 31 December 2014 will have lapsed registration. They will be removed from the [national register of practitioners](#) and will not be able to practise their profession in Australia.

More information:

[Registration standards](#)

[Registration renewal](#)

[Renewal FAQ](#)

Use of botulinum toxin and dermal fillers by dentists and dental specialists

In its [communiqué](#) last month, the Board announced that it has removed its Interim policy on the use of botulinum toxin and associated fact sheet from its website.

Like all other areas of practice, dental practitioners are expected to practice within the scope of their education, training and competence. All of the Board's standards, codes and guidelines should be considered in practice.

If you are a dentist or dental specialist and using, or considering using, botulinum toxin and/or dermal fillers in your practice then you need to ensure that you:

- have undertaken education and training to use these agents
- are competent to use them

- practice within the definition of dentistry as defined in the National Board's Guidelines for scope of practice
- ensure you have informed and financial consent at all times
- refer the patient to another dental practitioner or medical practitioner if the care is outside of your scope of practice
- ensure your professional indemnity insurance covers your practice in this area
- practice within accordance of the drugs and poisons legislation in your state or territory that will usually require you to only use scheduled medicines for dental therapeutic use
- consider if the reason you are using the agent is for an approved therapeutic use in the TGA Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods, and if not (therefore 'off-label') you are relying on your clinical judgement including assessment of risk and need to have discussed the use with the patient as evidenced by documented informed consent, and
- ensure any advertising of these services is in accordance with the National Board's Guidelines for advertising regulated health services.

Annual Report

The 2014 Annual Report of AHPRA and the National Boards reporting on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme has now been published.

The 2014 annual report is a comprehensive record of the National Scheme for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014. This year for the first time, local summaries of the work in regulating health practitioners in every state and territory have been published. These summaries and the 2014 annual report are published on the [AHPRA website](#).

Profession profile

The National Board has published a report [Dental regulation at work in Australia 2013-14](#) which outlines its work in regulating the dental professions in the National Scheme. The report provides a profession-specific view of the National Board's work to manage risk to the public and regulate the profession in the public interest. It is a profile of regulation at work in Australia for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014.

The data in this report are drawn from data published in the 2014 Annual Report of AHPRA and the National Boards.

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