

Ahpra update

- Ahpra is experiencing delays with IMG registrations, planning has commenced for MBA renewal of registration
- 24 Jun 2025—Ahpra's CEO, Justin Untersteiner, delivered the following speech on Monday 23 June 2025 to the Australian Medical Association's Colleges, Associations and Societies (CAS) meeting held in Canberra.
<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/2025-06-24-CAS-meeting-speech.aspx>
- 19 Jun 2025—Tribunal decision sends strong message about adhering to codes of conduct and guidelines with a Queensland doctor having been deregistered after a patient left his clinic in an ambulance with uncontrolled bleeding [Read More](#)
- 16 Jun 2025—Public statement – Peter Terzi (aka Peter Taylor) Ahpra issues first ever public statement under new laws to protect the public [Read More](#)
- 21 Feb 2025—Joint statement from Ahpra and the National Boards—Discrimination and racism will not be tolerated
<https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/News/2025-02-21-Discrimination-and-racism-will-not-be-tolerated.aspx>

Expedited Specialist pathway monthly report – May 2025

- The new Expedited Specialist pathway monthly report is attached. As of 29 May 2025:
 - 322 internationally qualified specialists have applied for registration in Australia since the pathway opened
 - Of these, 18 applications were for anaesthetics, 271 applications were for general practice, 8 applications were for obstetrics and gynaecology and 25 applications were for psychiatry
 - 150 applicants have been registered – 1 anaesthetist, 146 general practitioners and 3 psychiatrists
 - 86% of applicants are from the United Kingdom
 - 123 supervised practice arrangements have been approved. Of this cohort, SIMGs have been registered to work in every state and territory except Tasmania.

Checklist for practitioners handling feedback and complaints

- This checklist was developed by Ahpra, the National Boards and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, in consultation with stakeholders and consumers.
- <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Resources/Checklist-for-practitioners-handling-feedback-and-complaints.aspx>

MBA update

- 30 May 2025— Joint Statement by Ahpra and the Dental and Medical Boards of Australia on compassionate release of superannuation (CRS), administered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), is an important safety net for access to urgent healthcare for people who cannot otherwise afford it, however it can also have significant long-term financial impacts on individuals' superannuation outcomes. <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/News/2025-05-30-Joint-statement.aspx>
- 19 May 2025 - the National Board has released its quarterly registration data. <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/News/2025-05-19-quarterly-registration-data.aspx>

Specialist IMG supervision on expedited pathway

- These conditions were approved by the Health Ministers late last year as part of the registration standard Expedited Specialist Pathway for specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs) with an international specialist medical qualification on the Medical Board's Expedited Specialist pathway: accepted qualifications list. <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/International-Medical-Graduates/Expedited-specialist-pathway/Expedited-Specialist-pathway-accepted-qualification-list.aspx>
- Developing the pathway was among the reform recommendations made by the independent [Kruk Review into health practitioner regulatory settings](#).
- Expedited Specialist pathway is the pathway which enables specialist international medical graduates to qualify for specialist registration on the basis of holding a qualification that the Board considers to be substantially equivalent, or based on similar competencies to an approved qualification for the specialty.

- The [registration standard](#) has been published on the Medical Board website as has the [Ministerial Council directions and approvals](#).
- Two cultural safety courses have been approved by the Medical Board as suitable for meeting cultural safety education requirements. See <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/Types/Specialist-Registration/Cultural-safety-education-requirements.aspx>

Public consultation on Supervised practice framework

Public consultation on the current [Supervised practice framework](#) has opened and will close by **COB Thursday 31 July 2025**. The consultation papers are attached.

About the consultation

- A recent [review](#) made 28 recommendations for changes to make it simpler, quicker and cheaper for internationally qualified health practitioners to work in Australia.
- As part of responding to the review, National Boards are reviewing the current [Supervised practice framework](#), which sets requirements for overseeing a practitioner's practice where this is needed.
- The Framework has been in place for several years and we now have an opportunity to consider feedback on what's working well and suggested improvements or updates.
- We want to hear from you about your experience with the framework and any benefits or suggested changes to improve the current framework.
- We have some specific questions for you about the framework, along with an opportunity for general comment.
- Ahpra and the National Boards would like to hear your views on the current Supervised practice framework. We have attached:
 1. the consultation pack which outlines the objectives of the review
 2. submission template forms, and
 3. consultation quick guide.

Tell us more at a focus group

- As well as inviting feedback on the framework, we are seeking expressions of interest for people to join a focus group about supervision under the National Scheme.
- The focus groups aim to seek in-depth feedback on the Supervised practice framework, and experiences of employing practitioners under supervision, and being a supervisor or supervisee.
- We would love to hear from:
 - employers of health practitioners (public and private sectors)
 - supervisors, and
 - supervisees (both domestic and internationally qualified health practitioners).
- If you would like to be considered for a focus group, please complete this [online application form](#).
- If you have any questions, please email KrukSPELS@ahpra.gov.au.

Advance copies of two guidelines related to the regulation of registered health practitioners who perform and advertise non-surgical cosmetic procedures

- Ahpra and National Boards have published advance copies of two guidelines related to the regulation of registered health practitioners who perform and advertise non-surgical cosmetic procedures.
- The guidelines are:
 - [Guidelines for registered health practitioners who perform non-surgical cosmetic procedures](#) (shared practice guidelines)
 - [Guidelines for advertising higher risk non-surgical cosmetic procedures](#) (advertising guidelines).
- The *Guidelines for registered health practitioners who perform non-surgical cosmetic procedures* (shared practice guidelines) and the *Guidelines for advertising higher risk non-surgical cosmetic procedures* (advertising guidelines) build on existing responsibilities for practitioners under the codes of conduct, the existing *Guidelines for advertising a regulated health service* and

other requirements for practitioners who work in the cosmetic procedure industry.

- The guidelines only apply if practitioners in a profession are undertaking cosmetic procedures or are advertising higher-risk cosmetic procedures. While the guidelines may currently be relevant only to a small number of professions, the Boards are aware that the cosmetic procedure industry is consistently changing and internationally the range of professions involved in this practice is expanding. In adopting the guidelines now, we are taking action to future proof the guidelines and protect the public by making Boards' expectations clear if a registered health practitioner considers broadening their practice into cosmetic procedures.
- Publishing the advance copies enables time for practitioners, the public and other stakeholders to understand the guidelines prior to them taking effect on **Tuesday, 2 September 2025.**

Dawson Review

- Sue Dawson has released *Consultation Paper 2: Consultation Outcomes and Reform Directions* for the Independent Review of Complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).
- The Consultation paper is available on the NRAS Complexity Review webpage [Independent review of complexity in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).
- Final reports to be presented to Health Ministers' in July

Background

- Consultation Paper 2 presents a suite of necessary and practical adjustments in the four key areas of: strategic planning discipline around the Scheme; a coherent regulatory policy framework for the entire health workforce (and a manageable pathway for growth of the Scheme); instituting appropriate stewardship and governance arrangements within the Scheme; and establishing an efficient and compassionate complaints handling regime across Australia.

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