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Board and AHPRA publish health profession agreement

The Medical Board of Australia (the Board) and AHPRA today published the Health Profession Agreement that outlines the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board in 2014/2015.

The Board and AHPRA work together to implement the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, (National Scheme), which regulates registered health practitioners in Australia, in the public interest.

The guiding principles of the National Law[[1]](#footnote-1) require the National Scheme to operate in a ‘transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair way’; and for registration fees to be reasonable ‘having regard to the efficient and effective operation of the scheme’. Agreed [regulatory principles for decision making](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Regulatory-principles.aspx) also underpin the work of the Board.

There is no cross-subsidisation between professions in the scheme, so the regulation of each profession is entirely paid for by that profession’s registration fees.

Medical Board of Australia Chair, Dr Joanna Flynn AM, said the profession and the community had a right to know how registration fees were used to support patient safety.

‘We are accountable to both the profession and the community and are committed to providing as much information as possible about how we allocate registration fees to regulate the profession in Australia,’ Dr Flynn said.

AHPRA CEO, Martin Fletcher, said that the Board and AHPRA were committed to working together to effectively regulate health practitioners.

‘Transparency, within the National Law, is a shared commitment from the Board and AHPRA and the annual publication of this agreement reflects that,’ he said.

The 2014/15 Medical Board of Australia and AHPRA Health Profession Agreement is available at www.medicalboard.gov.au.

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1. Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)