



Registration Due! Renew Now!

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Doctors who were due to renew their registration on 30 September 2010 and have not yet done so will lose their registration on 31 October if they do not act now.

Under the National Law, doctors have a one-month 'grace period' after their registration is due when they can still practise. However, under the National Law any practitioners whose registration was due on 30 September who do not renew by 31 October will be removed from the Register of Practitioners. The Board has no discretion to make exceptions.

To apply to register again, you must submit a new application and make a range of declarations of compliance with the Board's registration standards. Processing a new application for registration can take some time and involves extra costs. It involves criminal history checks and external verification of qualifications and identity.

The Board has sent registration renewal notices to doctors with general, specialist, limited and non-practising registration in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, the ACT and the NT. Most Queensland doctors renewed their registration with the Medical Board of Queensland by 30 June 2010 and are now registered until 30 June 2011. Registration renewal for many doctors in NSW is linked to the practitioner's birthdate and these renewal reminders are being sent out progressively as they are due. Doctors in WA are renewing this year with the WA Medical Board until WA joins the national scheme on 18 October.

The Medical Board of Australia has waived the late fee for 2010.

Quick check

To find out if you are due to renew your registration, go to www.medicalboard.gov.au and click on the Medical Register – follow the prompts to check your registration status and your registration renewal date.

What do I have to do?

If your registration was due on 30 September or soon after, and you did not renew on time, go to www.medicalboard.gov.au and renew online before 31 October 2010 or within one month of your due date. If you don't renew, you will be removed from the Register of practitioners. If you are not registered you cannot practise medicine and your patients will not be eligible to claim a Medicare rebate.

Can I renew online?

The Board encourages doctors with general or specialist registration to take advantage of AHPRA's online renewal capacity. Only doctors with limited or non-practising registration are not able to renew online.

What if I don't want to renew?

If you do not want to renew your registration, do nothing and you will automatically be removed from the Register of Practitioners.

I have applied, how can I tell if my renewal has been processed?

If you apply and renew online, your renewal date will be displayed on the Register as due in 2011.

If you apply in hard copy before the end of the grace period (ie: within one month of the due date), the registration date displayed on the Register will be updated when your application is processed. You will remain registered while your application is being processed and you will be entitled to practise during this time.

If you do not apply within one month of the due date, your name will be removed from the Register and will not be displayed at all until your new application for registration has been approved. You will not be registered and therefore you will not be able to practise during this time.

I have applied in writing, but the Register says my registration has expired. Can I practise?

If you have applied to renew your registration in hard copy, it will be processed as soon as possible. Until then, you can continue to practise. The registration date displayed on the Register will be updated when your application is processed. You will remain registered while your application is being processed and you will be entitled to practise during this time.

You **must** apply within one month of the due date or you risk losing your registration.

If you do not apply within one month of the due date your name will be removed from the Register and will not be displayed at all until your new application for registration has been approved. You will not be registered and therefore you will not be able to practise during this time.

Certificate of registration

After you have successfully renewed online, AHPRA will in due course forward you a receipt and Certificate of Registration. Before this arrives in the post, you can print a copy of the statement *Renew Registration: Complete Payment Summary* after on-line renewal or you can print a copy of the details from the on-line public register which will show your new registration expiry date.