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## Media release

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### AHPRA launches online applications for provisional registrants

Medical and pharmacy interns with provisional registration can now apply online for general registration.

Upgrades to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's IT capability and changes to National Board documentation requirements would increase efficiency and cut red tape, AHPRA Chief Executive Officer Martin Fletcher said.

"The quickest and easiest way for an intern to apply for general registration is online," he said. "We are encouraging all medical and pharmacy interns who currently hold provisional registration and who expect to complete their internship soon, to apply online now."

Pharmacy interns will need to follow up their online application with documentation demonstrating they have successfully completed their internship. Medical interns can apply online now, with confirmation later provided by employers that the internship has been successfully completed.

"Early, online application is the fastest and most efficient pathway from provisional to general registration for interns," Mr Fletcher said.

The National Boards that regulate medical practitioners and pharmacists have also changed the documentation requirements for this group of applicants, to streamline the transition from provisional to general registration.

Provisional registrants do not need to resupply documentation already provided to AHPRA when they apply for general registration. Details about the documentation requirements are published at [www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Provisional-to-General-Registration.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Provisional-to-General-Registration.aspx).

Pharmacy provisional registrants who will not complete their internship within one month of their current provisional registration expiry date can now apply online to extend their provisional registration.

Anyone with provisional registration who needs to make a declaration about criminal history or impairment should apply for general registration early, as their application will take longer to process.

AHPRA has also boosted online capacity so currently registered Enrolled Nurses can now apply online if they qualify and seek to apply for registration as a Registered Nurse. More information is published at [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au).

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