



## Premium e-learning solutions for lasers in health care

Executive Officer, Medical,  
AHPRA, GPO Box 9958,  
Melbourne VIC 3001

28 May 2015

**RE: Public Consultation Paper and Regulation Impact Statement: Registered medical practitioners who provide cosmetic medical and surgical procedures**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Laser Safety Australia welcomes the opportunity for stakeholder discussions on the issues relating to medical practitioners who provide cosmetic procedures, to ensure the quality and safety of cosmetic interventions and to provide adequate protection for consumers.

Laser Safety Australia provides accredited qualifications for providers of surgical and non-surgical laser, intense pulsed light (IPL) and other light based therapy treatments including doctors, nurses and other skin clinicians based on the current *AS/NZS 4173:2004 Guide to the safe use of lasers in health care*. Collaborative organisations include the Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery, the Australian College of Nursing and the Radiation Health Departments of the Tasmanian and Queensland Governments.

The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) has today released the *Regulatory Impact Statement Intense Pulsed Light sources (IPLs) and Lasers for Cosmetic or Beauty Therapy*<sup>1</sup> for consultation. This document comprehensively covers the risks of IPL and lasers and offers solutions to protect the public from harm.

Laser Safety Australia respectfully requests consideration by the Medical Board of Australia that they **support the proposed ARPANSA model of accredited qualifications to form the basis of any industry self-regulation or licensing for all laser and/or IPL operators regardless of profession.**

Yours faithfully,

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Director

1. ARPANSA (2015). *Regulatory Impact Statement Intense Pulsed Light sources (IPLs) and Lasers for Cosmetic or Beauty Therapy Consultation Draft*. [http://www.arpansa.gov.au/Publications/drafts/dr\\_ndrplPL.cfm](http://www.arpansa.gov.au/Publications/drafts/dr_ndrplPL.cfm) Accessed 28 May 2015.

c.c: Dr Lynette Cusack, Chair Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia

Ms Catherine Loughry, Chair Podiatry Board of Australia



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## Laser Safety Australia

Online, in your own time, no time off work, travel or accommodation costs.

### Courses available:

1. Refresher laser & intense pulsed light safety training course for aesthetic practice (N.B. Previous laser safety certification is required prior to enrolment for this course)
2. Introductory laser & intense pulsed light safety training course for aesthetic practice
3. The Advanced laser & intense pulsed light accreditation for aesthetic practice (N.B. Baseline laser safety certification is required prior to enrolment for this course)
4. Laser safety training for surgical personnel
5. Laser safety training for podiatry.

All course are developed using *AS/NZS 4173:2004 Guide to the safe use of lasers in health care*.

### Endorsements for *Introductory course*:

1. Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery: Both aesthetic courses are a joint initiative
2. Australian College of Nursing: Introductory course endorsed according to Continuing Professional Development Endorsed Course Standards (8 CNE points)
3. Queensland Government: Introductory course course can be referenced when applying to hold a laser licence or certificate
4. Tasmanian Government: Persons successfully completing Introductory course will have satisfied the laser/IPL safety requirements for an application for licence.

