

Communiqué

The 36th meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) was held 16 November 2012 at the AHPRA National office in Melbourne.

This communiqué outlines the issues discussed and decisions made by the Board at its meeting and other points of interest. The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the Board.

Renewal of registration – due 30 November 2012

Time is running out for physiotherapists to renew their registration, which is due by **30 November** and the Board urges those physiotherapists who have yet to renew their registration to renew online and on time.

Physiotherapists can check that their application has been received via the online receipt service at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) - Renewal Received Confirmation. Individuals whose application to renew registration has been received can practise while their application is being processed.

Practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time and applications received after the registration expiry date will incur a late payment fee. The late payment fee will apply to physiotherapists who apply to renew during the one month late period outlined in the National Law. It will be payable in addition to the annual renewal fee.

If a practitioner has not applied to renew their registration within one month after their registration expiry date must be removed from the National Register of Practitioners. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise physiotherapy in Australia until a new application for registration is approved.

Annual Report

The annual report of the AHPRA and the National Boards has been published. It can be found on the AHPRA website at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications/AHPRA-Publications.aspx>

The report details the second year of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme), as well as extensive data on health practitioner registration and regulation, including notifications.

Conclusion

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.physiotherapy.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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