# Annual Report Summary 2014/15

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the National Boards, reporting on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

Local decisions – National Scheme Regulating health practitioners in South Australia



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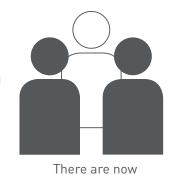
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## Regulating health practitioners in SA

This annual report summary provides a snapshot of our work regulating 52,192 health practitioners in South Australia (SA). It complements the more detailed, national profile included in the AHPRA and National Boards' 2014/15 annual report.



SA practitioners account for 8.2% of Australia's registered health workforce



)2,192

registered health practitioners

in SA, compared with 51,352 in 2014

On 30 June 2015 there were **30,797** nurses and midwives, 7,717 medical practitioners, 2,100 pharmacists, 1,620 psychologists and 1,769 dental practitioners in SA



**77%** of registered health practitioners in SA are women

There are 144 dental. 4,957 medical and three podiatric specialists in SA

4,705

**4,205** criminal history checks (8.2% of the total conducted nationally) were undertaken by SA compared with 5,481 in 2013/14

676 notifications were received by SA (8% of 8,426 received nationally). This is a decrease from the 793 notifications received in 2013/14

SA continues to receive a large number of mandatory notifications - 160 or 19.2% of the national total. In 2013/14. 180 were received (15.7% of the national total)

**The South Australian Health Practitioners** Tribunal closed 21 cases (11.7% of the national total), with outcomes including two cancellations and four suspensions of registration

SA medical practitioners accounted for **14%** of the medical notifications received nationally

from 899 in June 2014

registration applications were received

by AHPRA on behalf of National Boards

in SA, including applications to change

registration types 1,067 practitioners (2% of all SA registered

notation on their registration, an increase

practitioners) have an endorsement or

notifications remained open at the end of June 2015 (10.2% of the national total): a notable decrease from the 525 notifications open at the end of June 2014

187 notifications received about nurses (18% of the national total) are disproportionate to the number of nurses with a principal place of practice of SA

**465** practitioners participated in the monitoring and compliance program at the end of June 2015, compared with 494 at the end of June 2014

89 mandatory notifications were made about nurses (50% of the mandatory notifications about nurses nationally)

Notifications about practitioners in the dental, medical, nursing and midwifery, psychology and pharmacy professions account for 91.1% of notifications in SA



## About the National Scheme

### Who

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme regulates more than 637,000 registered health practitioners across Australia.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) supports the <u>14 National Boards</u> that are responsible for regulating the health professions. The primary role of the National Boards is to protect the public.

The National Scheme makes sure that only practitioners who have the skills and qualifications to provide safe and ethical care are registered to practise in Australia.

### What

The National Boards set professional standards that all registered health practitioners must meet. The Boards hold practitioners to account against these standards when they respond to complaints about practitioners.

Registered health practitioners can register once, and practice across Australia within the scope of their registration, creating a more flexible and sustainable health workforce.

The <u>online national registers</u> provide a onestop shop for the community about the current registration status of all registered health practitioners in Australia, including current restrictions on practice.

Agreed <u>regulatory principles</u> underpin the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in regulating Australia's health practitioners in the public interest.

The National Scheme is responsible for the quality education of health practitioners, by setting the framework for the accreditation of health practitioner education and training in Australia.

## When

The National Scheme started in July 2010. Since then, there has been an increase in the number of registered practitioners, from 530,115 in June 2011 to 637,218 on 30 June 2015 (including four professions that entered the scheme in 2012).

### Where

The National Scheme operates across Australia. It builds local decision-making into a national standards and policy framework. Every state and territory parliament has passed a nationally consistent law – the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law), which came into effect on 1 July 2010 (and 18 October 2010 in Western Australia).

## Why

Public safety is the core focus of regulation. Other objectives and guiding principles of the National Scheme are set down in the <u>National Law</u>.

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## Foreword from the AHPRA Chair and CEO

In 2015 we mark five years of the work of AHPRA and the National Boards in implementing the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. So much has changed since 2010 and this past year, in particular, has seen huge steps taken to ensure we are fulfilling our core purpose of protecting the public in the most effective and efficient ways possible. We now register almost 640,000 health practitioners in Australia, with 52,192 of those with a principal place of practice in South Australia (SA).

Well-regulated practitioners are the foundation of a healthcare system that provides safe, high-quality healthcare. The legal framework set by governments when creating the National Law is designed to protect patients and be fair to practitioners, while facilitating access to health services. In our regulatory work in SA and nationally, we are committed to striking this carefully managed balance.

As part of our regulatory operations network nationally, the SA AHPRA office is responsible for operational delivery and performance across our key regulatory functions of registration and notifications within SA and for continuously improving our processes to increase effectiveness, timeliness and efficiency.

The SA AHPRA office works directly with a range of local stakeholders and supports the local boards and committees in their regulatory decision-making, drawing on national expertise from across AHPRA where needed. More about the work of the SA AHPRA office, boards and committees during the year, along with state-specific data, is detailed in this report.

We have made a significant investment this year to improve the experience of notifiers and practitioners in their contacts with us. The overall goal is to provide better information about how regulation works, what people can expect and how we manage notifications, and make it easier for people to interact with us. We have also worked this past year to refine our processes to ensure more timely outcomes for notifiers and practitioners, and we have seen a significant reduction in the time it takes to assess and manage notifications.

The scheduled, independent review of the National Scheme hit its stride this past year, with Mr Kim Snowball leading the review for the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council. The review considered the National Scheme as a whole, including the work of the National Boards, AHPRA, accrediting entities and the role of governments. The review aimed to identify what was working well in the National Scheme, and opportunities to improve and strengthen our work to protect the public and facilitate access to health services. We value the ongoing support of the Minister for Health, The Hon. Jack Snelling, MP, and his department, stakeholders within the professions and wider health sector and the community. Building understanding and confidence in our work is an important element of our trustworthiness.

We thank the staff within the AHPRA SA office for their hard work and commitment over the past year. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with National Boards and their state boards and committees to serve the community of SA.





Mr Martin Fletcher Chief Executive Officer

Mr Michael Gorton AM Chair, Agency Management Committee

## Foreword from AHPRA SA State Manager, Dr Richenda Webb

It has been another year of significant achievement and action in the SA AHPRA office.

## Highlights for 2014/15:

- Regulating SA's 52,192 registered health practitioners, in partnership with National Boards.
- Received more than 4,700 applications for registration from SA-based health practitioners.
- Managed all applications nationally for Chinese medicine registration.
- Engaged with education providers across SA to equip new graduates with knowledge and skills to successfully transition from study to practice.
- Worked with health and hospital services to help them better understand how to use the National Register and subscription services.

### Local decisions, national framework

The SA office, working as part of the national AHPRA operational network, received 4,705 applications for registration, which is 7.6% of all applications received nationally.

At 30 June 2015, there were 52,192 SA-based practitioners (8.2% of the national total). This is an increase of 1.6% over the 51,352 practitioners in June 2014. Of these practitioners, 1,067 (2% of all SA registered practitioners) have an endorsement or notation on their registration, an increase from 899 in June 2014.

The SA AHPRA office also assesses and processes all registration applications for the Chinese medicine profession nationally.

Through these and other mechanisms (including local delegations), supported by local AHPRA offices in every state and territory, regulation in the National Scheme is delivered locally, supported by national policy, standards and systems.

## Working with our stakeholders

During the year, we have been in regular touch with many of our stakeholders through listening to their ideas for ways we can improve, making opportunities to respond to feedback and talking about the National Scheme.

This year we held regular meetings with the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner and local professional associations, and spoke regularly with senior officers of the SA Department of Health and Ageing.

Presentations to groups of clinicians and students continue to be popular on a range of notification and registration topics. More than 40 formal presentations were delivered during the year, in addition to attendance at graduation ceremonies, National Board stakeholder sessions in SA and similar functions on behalf of the National Scheme.

## Improving notifications management

We have focused a lot of effort during the year to improve our management of notifications and notifiers' and practitioners' experience of the National Scheme.

SA's triage process for medical notifications has become business as usual and has streamlined the early management of notifications. Benefits to notifiers, practitioners, Board members and notifications staff have been achieved.

In SA, over 90% of all notifications are made about practitioners in four professions – medical, nursing and midwifery, dental and psychology. This is in line with national trends. All these Boards have state, territory or regional boards or committees, which make all decisions about individual practitioners. More generally, all National Boards must have one member from SA to provide insight into local issues that are brought to the attention of a National Board.

Our focus on long-term investigations continues to make sure they are well-directed, resourced and prioritised to address the level of risk to patients.

## Local office, national contribution

The day-to-day business of most of the team in the SA office is to manage our core regulatory functions of registration, notifications and compliance, and support our local boards and committees.

An indicative word for the SA office in 2014/2015 was 'renewal' – a change of location and several changes in senior personnel created opportunities and challenges. The excellent new premises are larger and on one level, and the fit-out is contemporary and flexible to support new ways of working.

New occupants of the State Manager, Director and Manager Notifications, and Director and Manager Registration roles mean a substantially altered senior management team. Key national roles are based in the SA office, including the National Director Registrations, Executive Officer Nursing and Midwifery, National Director Legal Services, Manager Performance Reporting and Senior Research Fellow. This further helps to connect the SA office with the national network and broader regulatory context.

The opportunity for National Boards and committees to meet in SA more often is being realised and the MBA National Conference was held at the Adelaide Oval in May 2015.

I'd like to thank the dedicated team in the SA office for their continued commitment to keeping the community in SA safe, and working hard to meet the objectives of the National Scheme. I thank the members of the Queensland boards and committees for their expertise and commitment to the people of Queensland.



Dr Richenda Webb SA State Manager, AHPRA

Part 1: Decision-making in SA: Board and committee reports

## SA Registration and Notification Committee, Dental Board of Australia: Chair's message

The SA committee of the Dental Board of Australia has continued in 2014/15 to work to meet the objectives of the National Scheme in managing risk to patients. We make decisions about individual registered dentists after receiving a notification about them; and assess the most complex applications for registration, often from overseas-trained practitioners.

Data showing the work of the local committee are detailed in this report. More comprehensive information about the work of the Dental Board of Australia (the National Board) is included in the 2014/15 annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards.

As well as the National Board members from each jurisdiction, the SA committee is the local face of dental practitioner regulation in SA. Our local committee is made up of practitioner and community members from SA. The decisions the committee makes are guided by the national standards and policies set by the National Board. The local committee makes most decisions about dental practitioners in our region, supported by the local AHPRA office, in a national policy framework.

Our committee is in a position to provide invaluable feedback to the National Board on its standards and policies. I participated in the National Board's biennial dental conference in May 2015, where all committee members had a chance to discuss, reflect on and improve the quality of our decisions.

I attended a number of National Board meetings throughout the year. These meetings are opportunities to discuss how the National Board policies influence our decision-making at the local level.

We have endeavoured to engage with our stakeholders during the year and continue to meet regularly with the CEO and President of the Australian Dental Association (SA).

I thank my colleagues on the SA Registration and Notification Committee for their energy and commitment to the people of SA during the year.

I would also like to thank the Chair of the National Board, Dr John Lockwood, the other members of the National Board and my fellow chairs of the state and territory registration and notification committees for their wisdom and guidance in assisting me in the execution of my role as committee chair.



Professor Richard Logan Chair, SA Registration and Notification Committee, Dental Board of Australia



Dr John Lockwood AM Chair, Dental Board of Australia

### Members of the SA Registration and Notification Committee in 2014/15

Professor Richard Logan (Chair) Ms Josephine Bradley Dr Cosimo Maiolo Mrs Jennifer Miller Dr Heidi Munchenberg Ms Joanna Richardson

## SA Board of the Medical Board of Australia: Chair's message

As in previous years, the focus of the SA Board of the Medical Board of Australia in 2014/15 has been on public safety as we made decisions about individual medical practitioners. These decisions fall into two broad categories: either complex applications for registration which require detailed individual assessment; or what action is required to manage risk to the public as a result of a notification.

We are a local board making decisions about local practitioners. We are guided by the national standards and policies set by the Medical Board of Australia (the National Board), and are supported by the local AHPRA office.

The SA Board has spent time this year working with the National Board, with all other state and territory medical boards and with AHPRA, to further improve the experience of notifiers and practitioners. The overall goal is to improve our customer service, be clear about what people can expect and make it easier for people to interact with us.

Working with our stakeholders has been another priority during the year. With Richenda Webb, our AHPRA SA State Manager, I have attended meetings with the President and CEO of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) SA; the Chief Medical Officer of the SA Department of Health and Ageing; and the Chair of the committee which oversees SA Medical Education and Training in its accreditation function.

I thank my colleagues on the SA Board for their energy and commitment to protecting the safety of the people of SA during the year. I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the members who chair notification and registration committees, and all members who serve willingly on immediate action committees which, by their nature, are random and urgent.

This SA report provides a snapshot of regulation at work in our state over the last year. It complements the comprehensive, profession-specific information published in the annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards for 2014/15. I commend it to you.



Professor Anne Tonkin Chair, SA Board, Medical Board of Australia



Dr Joanna Flynn AM Chair, Medical Board of Australia

## Members of the SA Board in 2014/15

Professor Anne Tonkin (Chair) Dr Peter Joseph (until 27 August 2014) Mr Paul Laris Professor Guy Maddern Dr Rakesh Mohindra Dr Bruce Mugford Dr Christine Putland Dr Lynne Rainey Dr Catherine Reid Dr Leslie Stephan Ms Katherine Sullivan Mr Thomas Symonds Dr Mary White

## SA Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia: Chair's message

In 2014/15, the SA Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia continued to focus on public safety, making decisions about individual nurses and midwives. These may be decisions about complex applications for registration which require detailed individual assessment, or deciding what action is required to manage risk to the public as a result of a notification.

The decisions we make in SA are guided by the national standards and policies set by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board). These policies and regulatory guidelines inform the decisions we make in SA about local practitioners, supported by AHPRA's SA office.

During the year, the SA Board has worked closely with our colleagues on the National Board and on other state and territory boards. This partnership working supports a nationally consistent approach to managing and making decisions about notifications and registration issues for nurses and midwives.

The inaugural Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia conference was held in November 2014. It provided delegates – board members from every state and territory and AHPRA staff – with the opportunity to explore current issues in regulation of the profession through keynote addresses and workshops focusing on case study examples of matters arising across the country in both registration and notifications. Furthermore, delegates gained a deeper understanding of their roles and responsibilities at state and territory levels, and also how the collaborative work of both the National and state and territory boards effectively meet the objectives of the National Scheme.

Our work with stakeholders has remained a priority during the year. With Dr Richenda Webb, the AHPRA SA State Manager, I have met regularly with the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer of the SA Department of Health and Ageing.

I wish to acknowledge the high standard of work that AHPRA staff continue to provide to the SA Board in preparation for our meetings. Their input is invaluable to assist our decision-making.

SA Board members maintained their continuing professional development with a site visit to a simulation laboratory where the performance of practitioners may be assessed. This was also attended by AHPRA staff and provided a very good opportunity for mutual understanding of challenges of nursing in 2015.

I thank my colleagues on the SA Board for their energy and commitment to the people of SA during the year. I record with regret the death of Eugenia Koussidis, a community member of the SA Board who worked tirelessly and with great passion and common sense. I welcome the new members to the Board and look forward to another busy and productive year.

This snapshot of regulation at work in our state complements the comprehensive, professionspecific information published in the annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards for 2014/15.



Associate Professor Linda Starr Chair, SA Board of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia



Dr Lynette Cusack Chair, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

## Members of the SA Board in 2014/15

- Associate Professor Linda Starr (Chair) Ms Cathy Beaton Mr Mark Bodycoat Ms Jennifer Byrne (until 6 October 2014) Dr Sheryl de Lacey Ms Sally Hampel Ms Meredith Hobbs Ms Eugenia Koussidis (until 31 December 2014) Ms Katherine Sullivan (from 1 January 2015) Ms Paula Medway Ms Melanie Ottaway
- Mr Michael Salt (until 6 October 2014)

## Pharmacy Board of Australia – local representation

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the National Board) makes decisions about all registered pharmacists in SA. To make sure we have local knowledge informing our decisions, there are practitioner members of the Board from each state and territory, and a community member from each of four states. Mr Trevor Draysey is the practitioner member from SA on the National Board.

The Board has a notifications committee to make decisions about individual registered pharmacists in SA, guided by the standards and policies set by the National Board. In addition to five core members from the National Board, there are two representatives from each state and territory on this committee. Those members alternate attendance at meetings and assist in the decision-making on matters from their respective jurisdictions. This strategy helps to make sure decisions are both nationally consistent and locally relevant.

During the year, the Board continued its work with stakeholders in SA. We also draw on the skills and expertise of local pharmacists, who support the Board through their participation as examiners for the national pharmacy examination.

This year, after conducting wide-ranging consultation, the National Board revised its registration standards on professional indemnity insurance arrangements, continuing professional development and related guidelines, recency of practice, supervised practice arrangements, and examinations for eligibility for general registration. The revisions took into account feedback from stakeholders. Data showing the work of the Board in SA are detailed in this report. More comprehensive information about the work of the National Board nationally is included in the AHPRA and National Boards' 2014/15 annual report.



Adjunct Associate Professor Stephen Marty Chair, Pharmacy Board of Australia

## NT, SA and WA Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia: Chair's message

## The Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia serves communities in the Northern Territory (NT), SA and Western Australia (WA).

The work of the Psychology Board of Australia is detailed in the annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards, which provides a national snapshot of the work the Board does to regulate the psychology profession in Australia.

The Regional Board is the local face of psychology regulation in our region. Our Board is made up of practitioner and community members from the NT, SA and WA. The decisions we make about psychologists in our region are guided by the national standards and policies set by the National Board. Our Board is supported by AHPRA's office in WA, with assistance from teams in SA and the NT.

The main focus of the Regional Board has continued to be on public safety, as we made decisions about individual psychologists. Most of our work considers what action we need to take to manage risk to the public as a result of a notification. Another priority is assessing complex applications for registration.

This year we worked with the National Board to support a smooth transition to the new overseas qualifications assessment framework. All regional psychology boards met with the National Board this year – this provided an opportunity to share and compare regional and rural resolutions with other jurisdictions. This complements our regular monthly teleconference meeting of all regional chairs with the National Board Chair, to discuss local problems and share solutions

The Regional Board takes an active role in engaging with its stakeholders. This year we have participated in a number of stakeholder meetings and an open public forum, which took place as part of the National Board's visit to Perth in November 2014. We have hosted the Director of the Health and Disability Services Complaints Office at one of our Board meetings this year, where we discussed the work that is being done to forge closer links.

The NT/SA/WA Regional Board meeting was held in Adelaide in May 2015 and in Darwin in July 2015. The National Board also met in Darwin in July 2015 and ran a very well-attended forum for local registrants. These meetings provided further opportunities to discuss local issues. During the year we have welcomed South Australian community member Mrs Cathy Beaton to the Board. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Regional Board for their energy and commitment to the people of the NT, SA and WA during the year, in particular, my Deputy Chairs Ms Janet Stephenson (SA) and Associate Professor Shirley Grace (NT).

I hope you find this report on our work in the region interesting.



Associate Professor Jennifer Thornton Chair, NT, SA and WA Regional Board of the Psychology Board of Australia



Professor Brin Grenyer Chair, Psychology Board of Australia

## Members of the NT, SA and WA Regional Board in 2014/15

Associate Professor Jennifer Thornton (Chair) Ms Cathy Beaton (from 10 September 2014) Ms Alison Bell (until 31 August 2014) Ms Judith Dikstein Associate Professor Shirley Grace Emeritus Professor David Leach Dr Neil McLean Mr Theodore Sharp Ms Claire Simmons Ms Janet Stephenson

## National Boards and committees making local decisions

#### The other nine National Boards in the National Scheme have taken a different approach to decisionmaking about local practitioners.

Keeping a close eye on the cost of regulation, along with the risk profile, complexity and size of their profession, many of these Boards established national committees to make decisions about local practitioners.

National Board members are appointed from each state and territory. National committees are appointed by the Boards on merit and include Board members in most cases. Additional members may be appointed to bring specific professional or jurisdictional expertise when this is needed. Oversight of these committees by the National Boards supports consistent and robust decisionmaking that keeps the public safe.

Using national committees is an important way to contain the cost of regulation for these professions, while maintaining the benefits of scale and public protection provided by the National Scheme. National Boards also work closely with our network of AHPRA state and territory managers, so they can monitor and respond to any state or territoryspecific issues for their professions.

National Boards engaged with local stakeholders in a range of ways during the year, including:

- holding stakeholder forums in states and territories to meet local practitioners and community members and discuss important issues for health practitioner regulation
- responding to invitations to address professional and employer organisations, education providers and other interested groups
- participating in joint, cross-board consultations about common registration standards, codes, guidelines and policies, and
- sharing advice and feedback from the National Scheme Community Reference Group and Professions Reference Group.

For more information about the work of National Boards during the year, read the 2014/15 annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards.



Mr Bruce Davis Presiding Member, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia



Professor Charlie Xue Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia



Dr Wayne Minter AM Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia



Mr Neil Hicks Chair, Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia



Ms Julie Brayshaw Presiding Member, Occupational Therapy Board of Australia



Mr Colin Waldron Chair, Optometry Board of Australia



**Dr Nikole Grbin** Chair, Osteopathy Board of Australia



Mr Paul Shinkfield Chair. Physiotherapy Board of Australia



**Ms Catherine Loughry** Chair, Podiatry Board of Australia

## Part 2: The National Scheme at work in SA

## SA data snapshot: registration and notifications

## Background

These data are drawn from the 2014/15 annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards. This summary looks at national data through a South Australian lens, to tell more about our work in this state to keep the public safe.

This SA snapshot provides information about the number of practitioners in each profession in SA, including a breakdown by registration type, registration division (for professions with divisions), information about specialties (for dental, medical and podiatry practitioners), and endorsements or notations held. We also provide a gender breakdown of practitioners, by profession.

We provide national comparisons, to see how SA compares with the national average, and so that the relativity can be better seen. We provide two years of data so we can identify and track emerging trends over time.

We also include information about notifications in SA. These include details of notifications received and closed during the year, as well as those remaining open at the end of the reporting year. Details of mandatory reports received and immediate actions taken are included, as well as information on the rate of notifications and mandatory notification within SA.

We publish the source of notifications, as there are different patterns across states and territories. Again, we offer two years of data where possible, as well as a breakdown by profession. National data and comparisons against national data are included. In general, the national data include data about notifications in NSW, except when the categories used differ between NSW and the other states and territories.

More comprehensive data are published in the 2014/15 annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards, which also includes more comprehensive profession-specific information. In addition, each National Board will be publishing a summary report with greater detail of its work in 2014/15 and profession-specific data.

## Registration in South Australia

Tables 1–6 provide details of registered practitioners in SA. At 30 June 2015 there were 52,192 registered practitioners in SA, representing 8.2% of the practitioners registered nationally. At a profession level, the proportion of registrants within SA range from osteopaths with 1.8% of the registrant base nationally in SA, to midwives with 13.4% of the registrant base nationally in SA.

Details of registration applications received in 2014/15 are provided in Table 7. In 2014/15, 7.6% of the applications received nationally were received in SA. This is broadly consistent with the 8.2% of the registrant base with SA as the principal place of practice.

place of practice, by profession <sup>1</sup>				
Profession	SA	National total <sup>5</sup>	% of national total	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner <sup>2</sup>	13	391	3.3%	
Chinese Medicine Practitioner <sup>2</sup>	176	4,494	3.9%	
Chiropractor	362	4,998	7.2%	
Dental Practitioner	1,769	21,209	8.3%	
Medical Practitioner	7,717	103,133	7.5%	
Medical Radiation Practitioner <sup>2</sup>	1,142	14,866	7.7%	
Midwife	492	3,682	13.4%	
Nurse	30,305	336,099	9.0%	
Nurse and Midwife <sup>3</sup>	2,193	30,522	7.2%	
Occupational Therapist <sup>2</sup>	1,357	17,200	7.9%	
Optometrist	259	4,915	5.3%	
Osteopath	36	2,000	1.8%	
Pharmacist	2,100	29,014	7.2%	
Physiotherapist	2,234	27,543	8.1%	
Podiatrist	417	4,386	9.5%	
Psychologist	1,620	32,766	4.9%	
Total 2014/15	52,192	637,218	8.2%	
Total 2013/14	51,352	619,509	8.3%	
Population as a proportion of national population <sup>4</sup>	1,691,500	23,625,600	7.2%	

Table 1: Registered practitioners with SA as the principal

Notes:

1. Data are based on registered practitioners as at 30 June 2015.

2. Regulation of four new professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine, medical radiation and occupational therapy practitioners, started on 1 July 2012.

- 3. Practitioners who hold dual registration as both a nurse and a midwife.
- 4. Based on ABS Demographics Statistics as at 30 December 2014.
- 5. National total also includes registrants who have no specified principal place of practice.

## Table 2: Registered practitioners with SA as the principal place of practice, by registration type

place of practice, by registration type				
Profession/registration type	SA	National total	% of national total	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner	13	391	3.3%	
General	13	390	3.3%	
Non-practising		1	0.0%	
Chinese Medicine Practitioner	176	4,494	3.9%	
General	174	4,314	4.0%	
General and Non-practising <sup>1</sup>		1	0.0%	
Non-practising	2	179	1.1%	
Chiropractor	362	4,998	7.2%	
General	345	4,709	7.3%	
Non-practising	17	289	5.9%	
Dental Practitioner	1,769	21,209	8.3%	
General	1,574	18,975	8.3%	
General and Non-practising <sup>1</sup>		1	0.0%	
General and Specialist	141	1,614	8.7%	
Limited	28	83	33.7%	
Non-practising	23	510	4.5%	
Specialist	3	26	11.5%	
Medical Practitioner	7,717	103,133	7.5%	
General	2,476	34,767	7.1%	
General (Teaching and Assessing)	5	40	12.5%	
General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist		2	0.0%	
General and Specialist	3,942	49,199	8.0%	
Limited	298	3,455	8.6%	
Non-practising	118	2,663	4.4%	
Provisional	332	4,697	7.1%	
Specialist	546	8,310	6.6%	
Medical Radiation Practitioner	1,142	14,866	7.7%	
General	1,118	13,984	8.0%	
Limited		1	0.0%	
Non-practising	19	248	7.7%	
Provisional	5	633	0.8%	

Profession/registration type	SA	National total	% of national total
Midwife	492	3,682	13.4%
General	483	3,616	13.4%
Non-practising	9	66	13.6%
Nurse	30,305	336,099	9.0%
General	29,887	331,232	9.0%
General and Non- practising <sup>1</sup>	1	20	5.0%
Non-practising	417	4,847	8.6%
Nurse and Midwife	2,193	30,522	7.2%
General	2,113	28,616	7.4%
General and Non- practising <sup>2</sup>	43	1,253	3.4%
Non-practising	37	653	5.7%
Occupational Therapist	1,357	17,200	7.9%
General	1,282	16,500	7.8%
Limited	3	89	3.4%
Non-practising	71	570	12.5%
Provisional	1	41	2.4%
Optometrist	259	4,915	5.3%
General	259	4,758	5.4%
Limited		2	0.0%
Non-practising		155	0.0%
Osteopath	36	2,000	1.8%
General	33	1,917	1.7%
Non-practising	2	66	3.0%
Provisional <sup>3</sup>	1	17	5.9%
Pharmacist	2,100	29,014	7.2%
General	1,914	26,179	7.3%
Limited		14	0.0%
Non-practising	45	1,006	4.5%
Provisional	141	1,815	7.8%
Physiotherapist	2,234	27,543	8.1%
General	2,169	26,442	8.2%
Limited	26	276	9.4%
Non-practising	39	825	4.7%

Profession/registration type	SA	National total	% of national total
Podiatrist	417	4,386	<b>9.5</b> %
General	404	4,260	9.5%
General and Specialist	3	30	10.0%
Non-practising	10	96	10.4%
Psychologist	1,620	32,766	4.9%
General	1,351	26,843	5.0%
Non-practising	81	1,571	5.2%
Provisional	188	4,352	4.3%
Total	52,192	637,218	8.2%

Notes:

1. Practitioners holding general registration in one division and non-practising registration in another division.

2. Practitioners holding general registration in one profession and non-practising registration in the other profession.

3. The Osteopathy Board introduced a category of provisional registration in 2013/14.

Table 3: Registered practitioners who hold an endorsement or notation with SA as the principal place of practice

Profession/endorsement or notation	SA	National total	% of national total
Chiropractor		33	0.0%
Acupuncture		33	0.0%
Dental Practitioner	2	91	2.2%
Area of Practice	2	91	2.2%
Medical Practitioner	28	486	5.8%
Acupuncture	28	486	5.8%
<b>Midwife</b> <sup>1</sup>	38	487	7.8%
Eligible Midwife <sup>2</sup>	22	304	7.2%
Midwife Practitioner		1	0.0%
Scheduled Medicines	16	182	8.8%
Nurse <sup>1</sup>	117	2,229	5.2%
Area of Practice		1	0.0%
Nurse Practitioner	111	1,247	8.9%
Scheduled Medicines	6	981	0.6%
Optometrist	135	2,000	6.8%
Scheduled Medicines	135	2,000	6.8%
Osteopath		2	0.0%
Acupuncture		2	0.0%
Physiotherapist		8	0.0%
Acupuncture		8	0.0%
Podiatrist	7	68	10.3%
Scheduled Medicines	7	68	10.3%
Psychologist	740	10,643	7.0%
Area of Practice	740	10,643	7.0%
Total	1,067	16,047	6.6%

Notes:

 Nursing and midwifery registrants may hold dual nursing and midwifery registration and may have endorsements against each registration. Nursing and midwifery registrants may hold one or more endorsement/notation in each profession.

2. Holds notation of Eligible Midwife.

Table 4: Registered practitioners with SA as the principal place of practice, by profession and gender

place of practice, by profession and gender				
Profession/gender	SA	National total	% of national total	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	13	391	3.3%	
Female	8	295	2.7%	
Male	5	96	5.2%	
Chinese Medicine Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	176	4,494	3.9%	
Female	93	2,415	3.9%	
Male	83	2,079	4.0%	
Chiropractor	362	4,998	7.2%	
Female	127	1,877	6.8%	
Male	235	3,121	7.5%	
Dental Practitioner	1,769	21,209	8.3%	
Female	971	10,331	9.4%	
Male	798	10,878	7.3%	
Medical Practitioner	7,717	103,133	7.5%	
Female	3,064	42,189	7.3%	
Male	4,653	60,944	7.6%	
Medical Radiation Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	1,142	14,866	7.7%	
Female	852	10,064	8.5%	
Male	290	4,802	6.0%	
Midwife	492	3,682	13.4%	
Female	491	3,666	13.4%	
Male	1	16	6.3%	
Nurse	30,305	336,099	9.0%	
Female	26,878	297,792	9.0%	
Male	3,427	38,307	8.9%	
Nurse and Midwife	2,193	30,522	7.2%	
Female	2,144	29,975	7.2%	
Male	49	547	9.0%	
Occupational Therapist <sup>1</sup>	1,357	17,200	<b>7.9</b> %	
Female	1,214	15,752	7.7%	
Male	143	1,448	9.9%	
Optometrist	259	4,915	5.3%	
Female	111	2,491	4.5%	
Male	148	2,424	6.1%	

Profession/gender	SA	National total	% of national total
Osteopath	36	2,000	1.8%
Female	24	1,077	2.2%
Male	12	923	1.3%
Pharmacist	2,100	29,014	7.2%
Female	1,259	17,616	7.1%
Male	841	11,398	7.4%
Physiotherapist	2,234	27,543	8.1%
Female	1,474	18,911	7.8%
Male	760	8,632	8.8%
Podiatrist	417	4,386	9.5%
Female	253	2,677	9.5%
Male	164	1,709	9.6%
Psychologist	1,620	32,766	4.9%
Female	1,215	25,894	4.7%
Male	405	6,872	5.9%
Total	52,192	637,218	8.2%

Notes:

 Regulation of four new professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine, medical radiation and occupational therapy practitioners, started on 1 July 2012. Table 5: Registered Chinese medicine, dental and medical radiation practitioners, and nurses and midwives with SA as the principal place of practice, by division

Profession/division	SA	National total	% of national total
Chinese Medicine Practitioner	176	4,494	<b>3.9</b> %
Acupuncturist	102	1,688	6.0%
Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispenser <sup>1</sup>		2	0.0%
Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispenser and Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	9	631	1.4%
Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner¹	62	2,068	3.0%
Chinese Herbal Dispenser	1	41	2.4%
Chinese Herbal Dispenser and Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	2	14	14.3%
Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner		50	0.0%
Dental Practitioner	1,769	21,209	8.3%
Dental Hygienist	251	1,373	18.3%
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist <sup>1</sup>		3	0.0%
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist <sup>1</sup>		2	0.0%
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist <sup>1</sup>	64	483	13.3%
Dental Hygienist and Dentist <sup>1</sup>		2	0.0%
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist <sup>1</sup>		6	0.0%
Dental Prosthetist	67	1,245	5.4%
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist <sup>1</sup>		1	0.0%
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist <sup>1</sup>		1	0.0%
Dental Therapist	90	1,063	8.5%
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist <sup>1</sup>		2	0.0%
Dentist	1,160	15,888	7.3%
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist <sup>1</sup>		1	0.0%
Oral Health Therapist	137	1,139	12.0%

Profession/division	SA	National total	% of national total
Medical Radiation Practitioner	1,142	14,866	7.7%
Diagnostic Radiographer	920	11,496	8.0%
Diagnostic Radiographer and Nuclear Medicine Technologist <sup>1</sup>	1	15	6.7%
Diagnostic Radiographer and Radiation Therapist <sup>1</sup>		2	0.0%
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	71	1,039	6.8%
Radiation Therapist	150	2,314	6.5%
Nurse	30,305	336,099	9.0%
Enrolled Nurse (Division 2)	7,887	61,880	12.7%
Enrolled Nurse (Division 2) and Registered Nurse (Division 1) <sup>1</sup>	621	5,585	11.1%
Registered Nurse (Division 1)	21,797	268,634	8.1%
Nurse and Midwife	2,193	30,522	7.2%
Enrolled Nurse and Midwife <sup>1</sup>	2	62	3.2%
Enrolled Nurse and Registered Nurse and Midwife <sup>1</sup>	2	59	3.4%
Registered Nurse and Midwife <sup>1</sup>	2,189	30,401	7.2%
Total	35,585	407,190	8.7%

1. Practitioners who hold dual or multiple registration.

Table 6: Health practitioners with specialties at 30 June 2015 <sup>1</sup>						
Profession/area of specialty practice	SA	National total	% of national total			
Dental Practitioner	144	1,693	8.5%			
Dento-maxillofacial radiology		10	0.0%			
Endodontics	15	159	9.4%			
Forensic odontology	4	27	14.8%			
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	17	202	8.4%			
Oral medicine		35	0.0%			
Oral pathology	2	24	8.3%			
Oral surgery		52	0.0%			
Orthodontics	52	600	8.7%			
Paediatric dentistry	10	119	8.4%			
Periodontics	17	221	7.7%			
Prosthodontics	22	212	10.4%			
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)	2	16	12.5%			
Special needs dentistry	3	16	18.8%			
Medical Practitioner	4,957	62,490	7.9%			
Addiction medicine	15	167	9.0%			
Anaesthesia	361	4,627	7.8%			
Dermatology	41	507	8.1%			
Emergency medicine	104	1,687	6.2%			
General practice	1,893	23,993	7.9%			
Intensive care medicine	67	815	8.2%			
Paediatric intensive care medicine		2	0.0%			
No subspecialty declared	67	813	8.2%			
Medical administration	16	334	4.8%			
Obstetrics and gynaecology	141	1,871	7.5%			
Gynaecological oncology	4	43	9.3%			
Maternal-fetal medicine	3	40	7.5%			
Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound	3	77	3.9%			
Reproductive endocrinology and infertility	6	53	11.3%			
Urogynaecology	1	30	3.3%			
No subspecialty declared	124	1,628	7.6%			

Profession/area of specialty practice	SA	National total	% of national total
Occupational and environmental medicine	32	302	10.6%
Ophthalmology	70	967	7.2%
Paediatrics and child health	169	2,442	6.9%
Paediatric intensive care medicine		5	0.0%
Clinical genetics		25	0.0%
Community child health	2	43	4.7%
General paediatrics	125	1,784	7.0%
Neonatal and perinatal medicine	11	164	6.7%
Paediatric cardiology		31	0.0%
Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1	0.0%
Paediatric emergency medicine	5	44	11.4%
Paediatric endocrinology	2	26	7.7%
Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	23	4.3%
Paediatric haematology		10	0.0%
Paediatric immunology and allergy	4	17	23.5%
Paediatric infectious diseases	1	16	6.3%
Paediatric medical oncology	1	25	4.0%
Paediatric nephrology	1	8	12.5%
Paediatric neurology	1	31	3.2%
Paediatric palliative medicine		2	0.0%
Paediatric rehabilitation medicine	1	6	16.7%
Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	25	4.0%
Paediatric rheumatology	1	12	8.3%
No subspecialty declared	12	144	8.3%
Pain medicine	29	260	11.2%
Palliative medicine	24	297	8.1%

Profession/area of specialty practice	SA	National total	% of national total
Pathology	153	2,009	7.6%
Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	66	872	7.6%
Chemical pathology	8	90	8.9%
Forensic pathology	5	48	10.4%
General pathology	6	125	4.8%
Haematology	39	487	8.0%
Immunology	12	117	10.3%
Microbiology	14	222	6.3%
No subspecialty declared	3	48	6.3%
Physician	827	9,423	8.8%
Cardiology	113	1,251	9.0%
Clinical genetics	8	71	11.3%
Clinical pharmacology	9	53	17.0%
Endocrinology	35	630	5.6%
Gastroenterology and hepatology	66	802	8.2%
General medicine	242	1,772	13.7%
Geriatric medicine	50	609	8.2%
Haematology	37	507	7.3%
Immunology and allergy	13	154	8.4%
Infectious diseases	24	389	6.2%
Medical oncology	43	584	7.4%
Nephrology	27	507	5.3%
Neurology	35	546	6.4%
Nuclear medicine	26	257	10.1%
Respiratory and sleep medicine	55	631	8.7%
Rheumatology	37	349	10.6%
No subspecialty declared	7	311	2.3%
Psychiatry	288	3,432	8.4%
Public health medicine	29	432	6.7%
Radiation oncology	21	366	5.7%
Radiology	173	2,280	7.6%
Diagnostic radiology	158	1,951	8.1%
Diagnostic ultrasound		4	0.0%
Nuclear medicine	11	187	5.9%
No subspecialty declared	4	138	2.9%

Profession/area of specialty practice	SA	National total	% of national total
Rehabilitation medicine	36	473	7.6%
Sexual health medicine	8	118	6.8%
Sport and exercise medicine	4	119	3.4%
Surgery	456	5,569	8.2%
Cardio-thoracic surgery	12	205	5.9%
General surgery	162	1,936	8.4%
Neurosurgery	16	238	6.7%
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	11	114	9.6%
Orthopaedic surgery	117	1,342	8.7%
Otolaryngology – head and neck surgery	44	486	9.1%
Paediatric surgery	8	104	7.7%
Plastic surgery	40	443	9.0%
Urology	30	418	7.2%
Vascular surgery	16	222	7.2%
No subspecialty declared		61	0.0%
Podiatrist	3	30	10.0%
Podiatric surgeon	3	30	10.0%
Total	5,104	64,213	<b>7.9</b> %

Notes:

1. The data above record the number of practitioners with registration in the specialist fields listed. Individual practitioners may be registered to practise in more than one specialist field.

Table 7: Applications received, by profession and registration type						
Profession/registration type	SA	National total	% of national total			
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	36	255	14.1%			
General	36	253	14.2%			
Non-practising		2	0.0%			
Chinese Medicine Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	45	1,812	2.5%			
General	42	1,673	2.5%			
Non-practising	3	139	2.2%			
Chiropractor	14	371	3.8%			
General	7	304	2.3%			
Limited		5	0.0%			
Non-practising	7	62	11.3%			
Dental Practitioner	174	1,638	10.6%			
General	150	1,378	10.9%			
Limited	5	32	15.6%			
Non-practising	12	142	8.5%			
Specialist	7	86	8.1%			
Medical Practitioner	1,089	15,861	6.9%			
General	371	5,134	7.2%			
Limited	145	2,002	7.2%			
Limited (Public Interest – Occasional Practice)		1	0.0%			
Non-practising	22	480	4.6%			
Provisional	354	5,311	6.7%			
Specialist	197	2,933	6.7%			
Medical Radiation Practitioner <sup>1</sup>	104	1,808	5.8%			
General	90	1,164	7.7%			
Non-practising	12	115	10.4%			
Provisional	2	529	0.4%			
Midwife	114	1,712	6.7%			
General	86	1,411	6.1%			
Non-practising	28	301	9.3%			
Nurse	2,211	24,837	8.9%			
General	2,040	23,274	8.8%			
Non-practising	171	1,563	10.9%			

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#### Notes:

 Regulation of four new professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine, medical radiation and occupational therapy practitioners, started on 1 July 2012. AHPRA opened applications for these professions in March 2012. States and territories where registers of practitioners existed migrated to AHPRA in July 2012, while states or territories with no registers accepted applications for registration.

#### Notifications in South Australia

Notifications within SA are detailed in Tables 8–20. In 2014/15, 676 notifications were lodged in SA, representing 8% of the notifications lodged nationally. Consistent with the trend in many other states and territories this year, there was a slight decrease in the number of notifications received (down from 793 notifications received in 2013/14). Despite a slight decrease in the number of mandatory notifications received (160 in 2014/15, down from 180 in 2013/14), SA continues to receive a comparatively high level of mandatory notifications. The rate of mandatory notifications in 2014/15 at 29.3 per 10,000 practitioners is higher than in any other state or territory and more than double the national rate of 12.38 per 10,000.

A large number of notifications received (274) were about clinical care (see Table 11), which is consistent with the national pattern. Notifications received in SA came predominantly from patients (211) or relatives (66); other practitioners (92); or employers (91) (see Table 12).

In 2014/15 there were 83 cases where immediate action was initiated against practitioners in SA, representing 14.4% of the national total. In 23 of these cases the registration of the practitioner was suspended, 23 cases resulted in conditions imposed on registration, and in a further 24 cases the Board accepted an undertaking given by the practitioner. In six cases the Board determined that no further action was required and seven cases were still under consideration at the close of the reporting year.

There were four notifications still open at the end of the financial year that had been received before the National Law took effect in 2010 (Table 14). Three of these matters are with the responsible tribunal awaiting hearing or decision and one will be finalised as soon as protracted criminal litigation is completed.

Tables 15–19 detail the outcomes of key stages in the notifications process during 2014/15. Most enquiries received (676 of 798) were considered to meet the criteria for a notification (see Table 15). In the 685 cases where assessments were finalised during the year, half (342) were closed following assessment and the remaining 343 continued to either investigation (331) or to a performance or health assessment (12) (see Table 16).

Of the 388 notifications where investigations were finalised during the year (see Table 17), 305 cases were closed following investigation and 83 notifications were taken further.

There were 23 cases finalised in SA following a panel hearing (see Table 18) and 21 cases closed following a tribunal hearing (see Table 19).

Table 20 provides details of cases closed during the year for each profession by stage at closure.

Registrants under active monitoring at the end of the reporting year are detailed in Tables 21 and 22. Registrants in SA (472 registrants) accounted for 9.5% of the registrants nationally under active monitoring; the majority of these registrants are medical practitioners (170) or nurses (156). Tables 23 and 24 provide information on criminal history checks conducted during the year. There were four cases in SA in 2014/15 where a criminal history check resulted in, or contributed to, the imposition of conditions by a Board or undertakings given by a practitioner.

Table 8: Notifications re	Table 8: Notifications received or closed in 2014/15 or remaining open at 30 June 2015, by profession <sup>1</sup>											
Notifications		All receive	d	Man	datory re	ceived		Closed		Ор	en at 30 .	June
Profession	SA	National total	% of national total	SA	National total	% of national total	SA	National total	% of national total	SA	National total	% of national total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner <sup>5</sup>		7	0.0%		2	0.0%		5	0.0%		5	0.0%
Chinese Medicine Practitioner⁵	3	22	13.6%		1	0.0%	2	27	7.4%	3	15	20.0%
Chiropractor	5	75	6.7%		4	0.0%	10	98	10.2%	28	76	36.8%
Dental Practitioner	57	766	7.4%	9	22	40.9%	47	849	5.5%	34	381	8.9%
Medical Practitioner	324	4,541	7.1%	42	212	19.8%	388	4,885	7.9%	179	2,212	8.1%
Medical Radiation Practitioner⁵		31	0.0%		6	0.0%		31	0.0%		17	0.0%
Midwife	7	74	9.5%	6	20	30.0%	11	92	12.0%	11	57	19.3%
Nurse	191	1,733	11.0%	89	472	18.9%	180	1,755	10.3%	152	1,053	14.4%
Occupational Therapist⁵	2	49	4.1%	1	4	25.0%	6	48	12.5%	1	19	5.3%
Optometrist	3	55	5.5%		1	0.0%	3	53	5.7%	1	20	5.0%
Osteopath	1	13	7.7%	1	1	0.0%	2	13	15.4%		12	0.0%
Pharmacist	38	490	7.8%	8	38	21.1%	42	528	8.0%	19	311	6.1%
Physiotherapist	10	97	10.3%	2	6	33.3%	13	115	11.3%	7	57	12.3%
Podiatrist	3	37	8.1%		2	0.0%	5	44	11.4%	1	21	4.8%
Psychologist	32	432	7.4%	2	42	4.8%	28	458	6.1%	26	273	9.5%
Not identified <sup>2</sup>		4	0.0%					2	0.0%		2	0.0%
Total 2014/15	676	8,426	8.0%	160	833	1 <b>9.2</b> %	737	9,003	8.2%	462	4,531	10.2%
Total 2013/14 <sup>3,4</sup>	793	10,047	<b>7.9</b> %	180	1,145	1 <b>5.7</b> %	676	9,803	<b>6.9</b> %	525	5,237	10.0%

#### Notes:

1. Based on state and territory where the notification is handled for registrants who do not reside in Australia.

2. Profession of registrant is not always identifiable in the early stages of a notification.

3. Data include some cases where early enquiries were received in 2012/13 but information to support a formal notification was only received in 2013/14.

4. The process for recording of notifications received from HCEs and jointly considered with AHPRA has been modified this reporting year to ensure consistency of reporting across all jurisdictions.

 Regulation of four new professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine, medical radiation and occupational therapy practitioners, started on 1 July 2012. 
 Table 9: Percentage of registrant base with notifications

 received in 2014/15, by profession<sup>1</sup>

Profession	SA	National total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner <sup>4</sup>	0.0%	1.8%
Chinese Medicine Practitioner <sup>4</sup>	1.7%	0.5%
Chiropractor	1.4%	1.5%
Dental Practitioner	3.2%	3.6%
Medical Practitioner	4.2%	4.4%
Medical Radiation Practitioner <sup>4</sup>	0.0%	0.2%
Midwife <sup>2</sup>	0.3%	0.2%
Nurse <sup>3</sup>	0.6%	0.5%
Occupational Therapist <sup>4</sup>	0.1%	0.3%
Optometrist	1.2%	1.1%
Osteopath	2.8%	0.7%
Pharmacist	1.8%	1.7%
Physiotherapist	0.4%	0.4%
Podiatrist	0.7%	0.8%
Psychologist	2.0%	1.3%
Total 2014/15	1.3%	1.3%
Total 2013/14	1.4%	1.4%

Notes:

- Percentages for each state and profession are based on registrants whose profession has been identified and whose principal place of practice is an Australian state or territory. Notifications where the profession of the registrant has not been identified and registrants whose principal place of practice is not in Australia are only represented in the state and profession totals above.
- 2. The registrant base used for midwives includes registrants with midwifery or with nursing and midwifery registration.
- 3. The registrant base for nurses includes registrants with nursing registration or with nursing and midwifery registration.
- 4. Regulation of four new professions, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, Chinese medicine, medical radiation and occupational therapy practitioners, started on 1 July 2012.

## Table 10: Registrants involved in mandatory notifications, by jurisdiction

Year	2014	/15	2013	3/14
Jurisdiction	No. practitioners <sup>1</sup>	Rate / 10,000 practitioners <sup>2</sup>	No. practitioners	<b>Rate / 10,000</b> practitioners <sup>2</sup>
SA	153	29.31	148	28.8
Total Australia	789	12.38	976	15.8

Notes:

- 1. Figures present the number of practitioners involved in the mandatory reports received.
- 2. Practitioners with no principal place of practice are not represented in the calculation of a rate for each state, but are included in the calculation of the total Australia rate.

Table 11: Issues in notifica	tions recei	ved in 2014/15	;	
Issue	SA	National total	% of national total	
Behaviour	34	312	10.9%	
Billing	6	191	3.1%	
Boundary violation	34	335	10.1%	
Clinical care	274	3,442	8.0%	
Communication	43	669	6.4%	
Confidentiality	29	210	13.8%	
Conflict of interest		19	0.0%	
Discrimination	2	34	5.9%	
Documentation	18	445	4.0%	
Health impairment	88	848	10.4%	
Infection/hygiene	3	86	3.5%	
Informed consent	5	107	4.7%	
Medico-legal conduct	5	51	9.8%	
National Law breach	16	241	6.6%	
National Law offence	6	94	6.4%	
Offence	20	263	7.6%	
Offence by student		1	0.0%	
Other	21	172	12.9%	
Pharmacy/medication	66	826	8.0%	
Professional conduct		3	0.0%	
Research/teaching/ assessment	1	7	14.3%	
Response to adverse event	4	22	18.2%	
Teamwork/supervision	1	29	3.4%	
Not recorded		19	0.0%	
Total	676	8,426	8.0%	

Source	SA	National total (excluding NSW) <sup>1</sup>	% of national total (excluding NSW)
Anonymous	15	106	14.2%
Drugs and poisons	4	27	14.8%
Education provider	4	22	18.2%
Employer	91	543	16.8%
Government department	9	92	9.8%
HCE	55	688	8.0%
Health advisory service	1	10	10.0%
Hospital	5	25	20.0%
Insurance company	2	9	22.2%
Lawyer		34	0.0%
Medicare		1	0.0%
Member of Parliament		1	0.0%
Member of the public	35	323	10.8%
Ombudsman		41	0.0%
Other board	8	45	17.8%
Other practitioner	92	583	15.8%
Own motion	28	222	12.6%
Patient	211	1,408	15.0%
Police	6	52	11.5%
Relative	66	361	18.3%
Self	12	114	10.5%
Treating practitioner	19	80	23.8%
Unclassified	13	97	13.4%
Total	676	4,884	13.8%

Notes:

1. The national total excludes NSW data as the categorisation of 'source' differs between NSW and other states and territories.

Table 13: Immediate action cases about notifications received in 2014/15					
Outcomes	SA	National total	% of national total		
Not take immediate action	6	85	7.1%		
Accept undertaking	24	77	31.2%		
Impose conditions	23	285	8.1%		
Accept surrender of registration		3	0.0%		
Suspend registration	23	106	21.7%		
Decision pending	7	22	31.8%		
Total	83	578	14.4%		

## Table 14: Notifications under previous legislation open at 30 June 2015, by profession

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Professions	SA	National total	% of national total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner			
Chinese Medicine Practitioner			
Chiropractor	2	2	100.0%
Dental Practitioner		3	0.0%
Medical Practitioner	1	26	3.8%
Medical Radiation Practitioner			
Midwife			
Nurse	1	4	25.0%
Occupational Therapist			
Optometrist			
Osteopath		1	0.0%
Pharmacist		6	0.0%
Physiotherapist			
Podiatrist			
Psychologist		6	0.0%
Not identified			
Total 2014/151	4	48	8.3%
Total 2013/14 <sup>2</sup>	6	91	6.6%

Notes:

1. The majority of these matters are with the responsible tribunal awaiting hearing or decision.

2. Since the 2012/13 Annual Report a number of cases have been identified that were previously reported as National Law cases and should have been reported as prior law cases. They have been included in the 2013/14 data.

Table 15: Outcome of enquiries received in 2014/15 (excluding NSW)			
Outcomes	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	% of national total
Moved to notification	676	4,884	13.8%
Closed at lodgement	122	1,097	11.1%
Total	798	5,981	13.3%

#### Table 16: Outcome of assessments finalised in 2014/15 (excluding NSW)

Outcome of decisions to take the notification further	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	% of national total	
Health or performance assessment	12	233	5.2%	
Investigation	331	1,668	19.8%	
Panel hearing		13	0.0%	
Tribunal hearing		9	0.0%	
Total	343	1,923	1 <b>7.8</b> %	
Outcome of notifications closed following assessment				
No further action	300	2,136	14.0%	
HCE to retain		435	0.0%	
Refer all or part of the notification to another body	1	10	10.0%	
Caution	28	322	8.7%	
Accept undertaking	9	59	15.3%	
Impose conditions	4	104	3.8%	
Practitioner surrenders registration		3	0.0%	
Total	342	3,069	11.1%	

## Table 18: Outcome of panel hearings finalised in 2014/15 (excluding NSW)

Outcomes	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	% of national total
No further action	2	63	3.2%
Refer all of the notification to another body		1	0.0%
Caution		57	0.0%
Reprimand	4	13	30.8%
Impose conditions	14	130	10.8%
Practitioner surrenders registration		1	0.0%
Suspend registration	3	4	75.0%
Total	23	269	8.6%

## Table 19: Outcome of tribunal hearings finalised in 2014/15 (excluding NSW)

Outcomes	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	
No further action	3	15	20.0%
Caution		3	0.0%
Reprimand		15	0.0%
Fine registrant	3	12	25.0%
Accept undertaking	1	5	20.0%
Impose conditions	4	53	7.5%
Practitioner surrenders registration	1	6	16.7%
Suspend registration	5	33	15.2%
Cancel registration	2	24	8.3%
Not permitted to reapply for registration for a period of 12 months	2	9	22.2%
Proceedings withdrawn		4	0.0%
Total	21	179	11 <b>.7</b> %

Table 17: Outcome of investigations finalised in 2014	4/15
(excluding NSW)	

(executing from)			
Outcome of decisions to take the notification further	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	% of national total
Assessment	1	2	
Health or performance assessment	49	145	33.8%
Panel hearing	12	166	7.2%
Tribunal hearing	21	114	18.4%
Total	83	427	1 <b>9.4</b> %
Outcome of notifications closed following investigation			
No further action	170	1,052	16.2%
Refer all or part of the notification to another body	1	11	9.1%
Caution	80	391	20.5%
Accept undertaking	17	126	13.5%
Impose conditions	37	192	19.3%
Practitioner surrenders registration			
Total	305	1,772	1 <b>7.2</b> %

#### Table 20: Notifications closed in 2014/15, by profession and stage at closure in SA

Profession	Assessment	Investigation	Health or performance assessment	Panel hearing	Tribunal hearing	Total 2014/15
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner						0
Chinese Medicine Practitioner		1	1			2
Chiropractor	1	7			2	10
Dental Practitioner	28	19				47
Medical Practitioner	195	160	7	14	12	388
Medical Radiation Practitioner						0
Midwife	2	5	3	1		11
Nurse	67	75	27	6	5	180
Occupational Therapist	1	5				6
Optometrist	3					3
Osteopath	1	1				2
Pharmacist	19	18	5			42
Physiotherapist	5	4	2		2	13
Podiatrist	3	2				5
Psychologist	17	8	1	2		28
Not identified <sup>1</sup>						0
Total 2014/15	342	305	46	23	21	737

Notes:

1. Practitioner profession may not have been identified in notifications closed at an early stage.

## Table 21: Active monitoring cases at 30 June 2015, by profession (excluding NSW)

Profession	SA	National total (excluding NSW)	% of national total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner		6	0.0%
Chinese Medicine Practitioner	48	882	5.4%
Chiropractor	8	60	13.3%
Dental Practitioner	25	165	15.2%
Medical Practitioner	170	1,697	10.0%
Medical Radiation Practitioner	17	533	3.2%
Midwife	5	108	4.6%
Nurse	156	1,013	15.4%
Occupational Therapist	5	71	7.0%
Optometrist	1	15	6.7%
Osteopath	1	15	6.7%
Pharmacist	18	187	9.6%
Physiotherapist	8	75	10.7%
Podiatrist	4	14	28.6%
Psychologist	6	150	4.0%
Total	472	4,991	9.5%

Table 23: Cases in 2014/15 where a criminal history check
resulted in, or contributed to, imposition of conditions or
undertakings, by profession

Profession	SA	Total	% of national total	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner		1	0.0%	
Chinese Medical Practitioner		1	0.0%	
Chiropractor		2	0.0%	
Dental Practitioner		4	0.0%	
Medical Practitioner		6	0.0%	
Midwife				
Nurse	4	21	19.0%	
Optometrist		1	0.0%	
Pharmacist				
Physiotherapist				
Podiatrist				
Psychologist		1	0.0%	
Total 2014/15	4	37	10.8%	
Total 2013/14	14	76	18.4%	

Table 22: Active monitoring cases at 30 June 2015 in SA and nationally, by stream							
Jurisdiction <sup>3</sup>	<b>Conduct</b> <sup>2</sup>	Health <sup>2</sup>	Performance <sup>2</sup>	Suitability/ eligibility <sup>1</sup>	Total 2014/15		
SA	65	140	64	203	472		
National 2014/15	775	1,153	691	3,083	5,702		
% of national total	8.4%	12.1%	<b>9.3</b> %	6.6%	8.3%		

Notes:

1. AHPRA performs monitoring of compliance cases in 'suitability/eligibility' matters for NSW registrations.

2. Includes cases to be transitioned from AHPRA to HPCA for Conduct, Health and Performance streams.

3. Principal place of practice.

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Table 24: Domestic and international criminal history checks in SA and nationally, by profession, and cases where a criminal history check resulted in, or contributed to, imposition of conditions or undertakings

State/territory <sup>1</sup>	SA					National 2014/15			
Profession	Number of CHCs <sup>2</sup>	Number of DCOs³	CHCs resulted in conditions/undertakings	% of total national CHCs resulted in conditions/ undertakings	Number of CHCs <sup>2</sup>	Number of DCOs <sup>3</sup>	% of DCOs resulting from CHCs	CHCs resulted in conditions/undertakings	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner	28	9	0	0.00%	266	111	41.73%	1	
Chinese Medicine Practitioner	87	7	0	0.00%	1,187	78	6.57%	1	
Chiropractor	31	6	0	0.00%	664	62	9.34%	2	
Dental Practitioner	191	11	0	0.00%	1,764	106	6.01%	4	
Medical Practitioner	535	27	0	0.00%	9,298	320	3.44%	6	
Medical Radiation Practitioner	174	6	0	0.00%	1,989	102	5.13%	0	
Midwife	83	3	0	0.00%	1,422	55	3.87%	0	
Nurse	2,114	181	4	19.05%	24,328	1,738	7.14%	21	
Occupational Therapist	121	8	0	0.00%	1,626	60	3.69%	0	
Optometrist	34	2	0	0.00%	618	32	5.18%	1	
Osteopath	5	0	0	0.00%	266	21	7.89%	0	
Pharmacist	193	2	0	0.00%	2,264	105	4.64%	0	
Physiotherapist	214	16	0	0.00%	2,645	96	3.63%	0	
Podiatrist	63	7	0	0.00%	738	55	7.45%	0	
Psychologist	121	13	0	0.00%	2,872	159	5.54%	1	
Total 2014/15	3,994	298	4	10.81%	51,947	3,100	<b>5.97</b> %	37	
Total 2013/144	5,481	465	6	7.89%	61,000	3,597	6%	76	

Notes:

1. State or territory refers to the state/territory location of the preferred address as advised by the applicant/registrant. The team state is used if this information is not available.

2. Criminal history checks. Refers to both domestic and international criminal history checks submitted.

3. Disclosable court outcomes.

4. 2013/14 figures refer only to domestic criminal history checks. International criminal history checks started in 2014/15.

## Keeping the public safe: monitoring

Health practitioners and students may have restrictions placed on their registration for a range of reasons including as a result of a notification, the assessment of an application for registration or a renewal of registration, or after an appeal lodged with a tribunal. Types of restrictions being monitored include:

**Drug and alcohol screening** – requirements to provide biological samples for analysis for the presence of specified drugs and/or alcohol.

**Health** – requirements to attend treating health practitioner(s) for the management of identified health issues (including physical and psychological/psychiatric issues).

**Supervision** – restrictions that allow the practice of a health profession to occur only under the supervision of another health practitioner (usually registered in the same profession).

**Mentoring** – requirements to engage a mentor to provide assistance, support and guidance in addressing issues, behaviours or deficiencies identified in skills, knowledge, performance or conduct.

**Chaperoning** – restrictions that allow patients generally, or specific groups of patients, to be treated or examined only when a suitable third party is present.

**Audit** – requirements for a health practitioner to submit to an audit of their practice, which may include auditing records and/or the premises from which they practise.

**Assessment** – requirements that a health practitioner or student submits to an assessment of their health, performance, knowledge, skill or competence to practise their profession.

**Practice and employment** – requirements that a practitioner or student does, or refrains from doing, something in connection with their practice of their profession (for example, restrictions on location, hours or scope of practice, or rights in respect of particular classes of medicines).

**Education and upskilling** – requirements to attend or complete a (defined) education, training or upskilling activity, including prescribed amounts of continuing professional development.

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