



Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
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Dental
Medical
Medical Radiation Practice
Nursing and Midwifery
Occupational Therapy
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Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

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Online applications for registration now open for final year students

Students about to graduate as health practitioners can go online now to apply for registration early.

An online graduate registration service for final year students was launched by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in May 2011.

The service enables students to apply for registration early before completing their course and aims to smooth the path from study to work in five simple steps.

Most students are able to complete their registration application online, while others use the dedicated web pages to be directed to the correct application form. All applications require students to return some supporting documents to AHPRA by mail.

Students of approved programs of study for the following regulated health professions are able to use the online graduate registration service now: Chiropractic, dental practice, medical practice, midwifery, nursing, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy and podiatry.

AHPRA Chief Executive Officer Martin Fletcher said AHPRA's focus was to make the path from study to work a smooth one for all students wishing to practise one of the nationally regulated professions.

'Graduates need to be a registered health practitioner before they can start practising and are urged to go online and apply for registration four to six weeks before completing their course,' he said.

Online applications will open in mid-October for graduates of approved programs of study for the four professions that joined the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme in July: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, medical radiation practice and occupational therapy.

There are five simple steps to graduate registration:

1. Students apply for registration 4 to 6 weeks before completing their approved program of study at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx>
2. Applicants fill out an online application (if eligible) or download an application form. All applications require some documents to be sent to AHPRA by mail.
3. Education providers advise AHPRA when applicants are eligible to graduate
4. AHPRA finalises assessment, confirms registration, publishes new graduates' names on the Registers of Practitioners and sends out registration certificates

5. New graduates registered with their profession's National Board are eligible to start working as soon as their name is published on the Registers of Practitioners

For more information

- Go to the Graduate Applications Website at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Graduate-Applications.aspx> for FAQs and links to more information
- Visit [National Board websites](#) to read profession specific media releases about online graduate applications
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200