



Community News: Safer healthcare for You.

Welcome to the AhPra and National Boards Community News. Autumn 2025 Edition.



Let us introduce ourselves

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the 15 National Boards work in partnership to ensure Australia's registered health practitioners are suitably trained, qualified and safe to practise. Public safety is our priority.

Have your say on the revised framework for safe and effective Prescribing

We're reviewing the *Prescribing Competencies Framework – Embedding quality use of medicines into practice* to make sure it keeps prescribing safe and focused on the person receiving care. We need your feedback on whether our proposed updates keep up with the needs of the public and keep you safe. Learn more about the consultation on our website.

Did you know?

We seek input into a wide range of consultations that affect registered health professions and the public. Many of these relate to a specific profession and can often be difficult to understand. We're always looking for ways to hear from members of the public and have developed short summaries of consultations that we think might affect you. Check out our [consultations](#) webpage if you'd like to know what we're looking or feedback on right now.



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Ahpra welcomes new CEO

Justin Untersteiner has joined Ahpra as its new CEO. Justin brings over 20 years in regulation and compliance, most recently as Chief Operating Officer at the Australian Financial Complaints Authority. Justin said of his appointment 'I am thrilled to be leading an organisation that performs such a critical role in the health sector and in service to the broader community. I hope to grow Ahpra as an inquisitive and learning regulator, using all the tools available to it – its experience, relationships and data – to adapt and respond to changing needs. Central to this will be me listening to our stakeholders, practitioners and members of our diverse communities, about their needs and how we can meet them. I hope to meet with many of our stakeholder groups over the coming months.'



No Place for racism

Ahpra recently launched the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander anti-racism policy](#) which provides ways for preventing, addressing, and eliminating racism based on the unique experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We're currently working on a culturally and linguistically diverse anti-racism policy which sets out our approach to addressing racism experienced by culturally and linguistically diverse people to support a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone. It will be available on the Ahpra website soon.



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Finding a Practitioner that is right for me

You can use the [Public Register](#) to search for a type of practitioner by location (eg. dentist in Ascot Vale, 3032). You can then narrow your search by language or gender, helping you find a practitioner that's right for you.



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Stay in touch

We'd love to hear your feedback, especially if there are any topics you would like to know more about. Contact us at communitynews@ahpra.gov.au.



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