



Community News: Safer healthcare for you.

Welcome to the Ahpra and National Boards Community News. Spring 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.

Putting Patients first: New guidelines for cosmetic Procedures

There are new guidelines for registered health practitioners who perform cosmetic procedures, such as injections and fillers. Under the guidelines, practitioners will need more training before they can do procedures and they are not allowed to use edited or misleading images in their advertising. There is also a mandatory seven-day cooling off period for people under the age of 18.

You can read the [Guidelines for registered health practitioners who perform non-surgical cosmetic procedures](#) on the Ahpra website.



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Review of National Scheme to Put greater focus on timeliness and experiences

Health Ministers recently accepted a [report](#) into the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) that looks at ways to standardise how professions are regulated, reduce complexity in our processes to improve peoples' experiences and continue our work on proactive regulation that prevents harm. Ahpra and National Boards have [welcomed the review](#) and have begun work in a number of areas to make recommended improvements.



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Introducing the New Chair of the Community Advisory Council - Hamza Vayani

We are pleased to welcome Hamza Vayani as the new Chair of the [Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC) as of 1 July 2025. Hamza was first appointed a member to the CAC in 2020. The CAC provides a community voice to the National Scheme by providing feedback and advice from a consumer and community perspective.

Hamza is highly experienced and brings deep commitment to ensuring healthcare is accessible, clinically safe, and culturally responsive for all communities. He is a passionate advocate for the inclusion of the voice of people with lived experience accessing healthcare—delivered in a way that is inclusive, evidence-based, and without fear or favour.

Hamza has consistently championed the voices of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. His leadership has been instrumental in establishing a national network of consumers and carers from these communities.



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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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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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