Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice
Chinese Medicine
Chiropractic
Dental
Medical
Medical Radiation Practice
Nursing and Midwifery

Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Osteopathy
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy
Podiatry
Psychology

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Australian **Health Practitioner** Regulation Agency

Response template: Public consultation - revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*

National Boards and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) are seeking feedback about the revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications.*

This response template is an alternative to providing your response through the online platform available on the consultation website.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Privacy

Your response will be anonymous unless you choose to provide your name and/or the name of your organisation.

The information collected will be used by AHPRA to evaluate the revised guidelines. The information will be handled in accordance with AHPRA's privacy policy available here.

Publication of responses

Published responses will include the name (if provided) of the individual and/or the organisation that made the response.

You must let us know if you do **not** want us to publish your response.

Please see the public consultation papers for more information about publication of responses.

Submitting your response

Please send your response to: AHPRA.consultation@ahpra.gov.au

Please use the subject line: Feedback on guidelines for mandatory notifications

Responses are due by: **6 November 2019**

General information about your response

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?	
Yes	The Pharmacy Guild of Australia
We may need to contact you about your response. Please write your name and contact details below. **(Skip if you wish to remain anonymous)**	
Name (optional)	██████████████
Contact details (optional)	████████████████████

General information about your response

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Public consultation questions

Please ensure you have read the [public consultation papers](#) before providing feedback as the questions are specific to the revised Guidelines for mandatory notifications.

Use the corresponding text boxes to provide your responses. You do not need to answer every question if you have no comment.

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1. How easy is it to find specific information in the revised guidelines

The Contents page is particularly useful in finding specific information in the Guidelines.

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2. How relevant is the content of the revised guidelines?

We believe the content is relevant

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3. Please describe any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised guidelines.

We do not have any suggestions on content that needs to be changed or deleted in the revised guidelines.

4. Should some of the content be moved out of the revised guidelines to be published on the website instead?

If yes, please describe what should be moved and your reasons why.

We believe that all the content should be in one place and we do not believe that there is any benefit to the reader in moving some content to the website.

All the information should be in one document so that the reader has all the information they need in one place.

5. How helpful is the structure of the revised guidelines?

We believe that the structure of the revised guidelines makes it easy for the reader to find the particular information they need.

6. Do the revised guidelines clearly explain when a mandatory notification is required and when it is not?

Please explain your answer.

We believe that revised guidelines do clearly explain when a mandatory notification is required and when it is not.

7. Are the flow charts and diagrams helpful?

Please explain your answer.

We believe the flow charts and diagrams are particularly helpful because they provide the reader the information they need quickly and succinctly.

8. Are the risk factor consideration charts helpful?

   Please explain your answer.

The risk factor consideration charts were helpful because, as above with the flow charts and diagrams they provide the reader the information they need quickly and succinctly.

9. Are the examples in the revised guidelines helpful?

   Please explain your answer.

The examples in the revised guidelines are helpful because they give real world examples that the reader can relate to.

10. Should there be separate guidelines for mandatory notifications about students or should the information be included in guidelines about practitioners and students (but as a separate section)?

   Please explain your answer.

We believe that all the information should be in one document and a separate section would be appropriate for students. The reader should not have to search for another document for another group of practitioners.

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> *The revised guidelines explain that it is not an offence to fail to make a mandatory notification when required, but a National Board may take disciplinary action in this situation.*

11. Is this made clear in the revised guidelines?

   Please explain your answer.

We believe that this may cause confusion for some readers as it seems strange that whilst something is not an offence the National Board may take disciplinary action in this situation.

We believe that this should be reviewed.

12. Is there anything that needs to be added to the revised guidelines?

We do not believe that there is anything that needs to be added to the revised guidelines.

13. It is proposed that the guidelines will be reviewed every five years, or earlier if required.

   Is this reasonable?

   Please explain your answer.

We believe that a 5 year cycle of review is reasonable.

14. Please describe anything else the National Boards should consider in the review of the guidelines.

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15. Please add any other comments or suggestions for the revised guidelines.

Thank you!

Thank you for participating in the consultation.

Your answers will be used by the National Boards and AHPRA to improve the Guidelines for mandatory notifications.