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AHPRA welcomes 2012 professions

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and 10 National Boards currently in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, welcomed the announcement of board members for four health professions joining the scheme next year.

The [announcement](#) was made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWC), and listed the 39 new board members who will become the national regulators for the new professions:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice
- Chinese medicine
- occupational therapy, and
- medical radiation practice.

AHPRA Management Committee Chair Mr Peter Allen congratulated the individual board members and commended their commitment to their professions and to protecting the Australian public.

“The members of the four new national boards will be responsible for setting the professional standards, registering practitioners and investigating notifications under the National Scheme – and in doing so helping Australians access safe and competent practitioners in these professions,” said Mr Allen.

AHPRA CEO Mr Martin Fletcher said the announcement marked an important milestone in the National Scheme.

“On behalf of AHPRA I would like to welcome the board members to their new roles and congratulate them on their appointments. I look forward to working with them in the National Scheme to provide robust regulation, that protects the public and guides these professions,” said Mr Fletcher.

The new Boards, sometimes referred to as the 2012 professions as they will be joining the National Scheme on 1 July next year, will meet for the first time later this month.

The Chair of the Chairs of National Boards and Chair of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia, Mr Glenn Ruscoe, said the existing National Boards looked forward to working with new Board members in the National Scheme.

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