

Media release

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Online renewal of registration is now open for optometrists

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for optometrists.

About 4,700 optometrists who are due to renew their general or non-practising registration with the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) by 30 November can submit an online application now.

Under the National Law¹, all registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Last year more than 96.3 per cent of all health practitioner registration renewals due by 30 November (12 professions) were submitted online. An increase of 6.3 per cent.

'Online renewal is quick and easy and it's fantastic to see an annual increase in the number of optometrists using this secure service,' Optometry Board Chair Colin Waldron said.

The Board announced last month that it had reduced the registration fee for the registration period from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015 to \$365. Fees can be confirmed on the [Board's website](#).

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is funded by practitioners' registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners with a registered email address by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

Mr Waldron said optometrists whose contact details had not changed did not need to do anything. However, he urged others to act soon if they had not provided AHPRA with updated information.

'Make sure AHPRA has your current contact information so you don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew,' he said.

'Registering your email address also means you won't miss important regulatory updates from the Board.'

Mr Waldron reminded optometrists to carefully read the Board's registration standards which specify the requirements for practice.

'You could be asked to provide information in support of your declarations so it's important to know what the requirements are for registration to practise before you apply.'

To update your contact details visit www.optometryboard.gov.au and use the appropriate link under online services for practitioners. You will need your user ID and secure password.

If you do not have your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

Useful information for optometrists is on the Board's website:

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [Renewal FAQ](#)

For more information

- Visit www.optometryboard.gov.au
- Visit www.ahpra.gov.au under *Contact us* to lodge an online enquiry form
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 03 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
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¹The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory ([the National Law](#))