

Chronological Summary of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

Date	Milestone
December 2005	Productivity Commission Report recommending for a national Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) for health professions.
14-July-2006	Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreement to establish a single National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professionals.
26-March-2008	COAG signed an Intergovernmental Agreement for a National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for the Health Professions.
26-March-2008	COAG agreement to establish NRAS by July 2010.
May 2008	Establishment of the National Registration and Accreditation Implementation Project (NRAIP) Team.
July-2008	Call for submissions on Partially Regulation Professions.
August-2008	National State and Territory Consultation Forums undertaken.
August-2008	Consultation paper on 'Bill A' issued.
September-2008	Submissions on 'Bill A' consultation paper due.
September-2008	Consultation paper on 'Registration Arrangements' issued.
04-September-2008	AHMC announced arrangements for a formal consultation process (led by the Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee).
October-2008	Consultation paper on 'Complaints and Enforcement Functions' issued.
October-2008	Consultation paper on 'Accreditation Arrangements' issued.
October-2008	National Forum on 'Complaints and Enforcement' functions.
October-2008	Submission on 'Partially Regulated Professions' due.
October-2008	Submissions on 'Registration Arrangements' due.
October-2008	Submissions on 'Complaints and Enforcement Functions' due.
29-October-2008	Introduction of the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) Act 2008 (Act A)</i> .
November-2008	Consultation paper on 'Privacy and Information Sharing Arrangements' issued.
November-2008	National Forum on 'Privacy and Information Sharing Arrangements'.
November-2008	Consultation paper 'On Other Matters to be Covered in Bill B'.
November-2008	Submissions on 'Accreditation Arrangements' due.
November-2008	Submission on 'Privacy and Information Sharing Arrangements' due.
25-November-2008	Act A receives Royal Assent.
December-2008	Submission on 'Other Matters to be Covered in Bill B' due.
March-2009	Consultation paper on 'Overall Policy Directions and Responses on Issues Raised Relating to Bill B' issued.
March-2009	National State and Territory Forums to discuss overall policy directions paper.
March-2009	Submissions on 'Overall Policy Directions and Responses on Issues Raised Relating to Bill B' issued.
05-March-2009	Minister's announce appointment of members to the AHPRA Agency Management Committee
30-April-2009	Senate Inquiry into NRAS for Doctors and Other Health Workers submission closing date.
May-2009	Following comprehensive consultation process AHMC agree to changes of some aspects of the original proposal.

Attachment A

Date	Milestone
08-May-2009	Minister's decision on board size and composition.
June-2009	Release of exposure draft of 'Act B' for consultation.
18-June-2009	Report for Senate Inquiry into NRAS for Doctors and Other Health Workers due.
August-2009	Introduction of the Health Practitioner Regulation (National Law) 2009 (Act B).
August-2009	Report for Inquiry into NRAS for Doctors and Other Health Workers published by the Community Affairs Legislation Committee.
31-August-2009	AHWMC appoints 108 members of inaugural 10 National Boards.
31-August-2009	Ministerial Communiqué – Ministers agree size and composition of six boards (Dental, Medical, Nursing and Midwifery, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Psychology) be expanded to include 8 practitioner members and community members.
04-September-2009	Ministerial Communiqué agree to transitional clause in the National Law to provide a two year exemption for privately practising midwives to who are unable to obtain professional indemnity insurance for attending a homebirth.
18-September-2009	Mr Martin Fletcher announced as Chief Executive Officer of AHPRA. Senior management of AHPRA also announced along with appointments to eight state and territory manager.
20-September-2009	National Boards first meeting.
27-October-2009	National Boards release consultation papers on 'Draft Registration Standards and Related Matters'.
03-November-2009	Queensland National Law 'Act B' receives Royal Assent.
19-November-2009	NSW National Law receives Royal Assent.
24-November-2009	Submissions on National Board consultation papers on 'Draft Registration Standards and Related Matters' due. Around 400 submissions were received.
December-2009	National Boards consider comments on submissions to provide final comments to Ministerial Council.
08-December-2009	Victoria National Law receives Royal Assent.
24-February-2010	Commonwealth introduces the Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2010 'Commonwealth Bill C.
17-March-2010	NT National Law receives Royal Assent.
30-March-2010	Commonwealth's Bill C receives Royal Assent.
31-March-2010	ACT National Law receives Royal Assent.
April-2010	AHWMC approves National Health Practitioner Registration Standards.
22-April-2010	AHWMC appoint restructured Australian and Midwifery Council to exercise accreditation functions.
30-April-2010	Senate Inquiry into Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010
May-2010	Report for Senate Inquiry into Health Practitioner Regulation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010 published by Community Affairs Legislation Committee.
05-May-2010	Tasmania National Law receives Royal Assent.
19-May-2010	WA National Law receives Royal Assent.
1-July 2010	SA National Law receives gained Royal Assent
1-July-2010	Commencement of the NRAS.
18-October-2010	WA joins the NRAS.
17-February-2011	AHWMC agrees to provide additional support and expertise to assist AHPRA.

