

## Media release

# Local decisions in a National Scheme – Regulating health practitioners in Queensland

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The number of registered health practitioners in Queensland (Qld) has continued to grow over the past year with AHPRA and the National Boards today releasing a report on health practitioner regulation in Qld for the year ending 30 June 2016.

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Drawn from the [2015/16 Annual report of AHPRA and the National Boards](#), the report provides a snapshot of registered health practitioners in Qld as well as information about our work to keep the public safe. It also includes national comparisons to show how Qld compares with national rates.

‘The summary report provides a Qld lens on the regulation of health practitioners in Australia,’ said AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher. ‘It profiles the work of our local AHPRA office in Brisbane and the important work of health practitioner boards in Qld.’

‘It demonstrates the importance of our local arrangements while drawing on the benefits of being part of a national registration scheme.’

Some of the highlights include:

- there are now 127,376 registered health practitioners in Qld, compared with 121,788 in the previous year
- Qld practitioners accounted for 19.4% of all registered health practitioners in Australia
- 12,987 new applications for registration were received, and increase of 6.6% from last year
- there was a 105.5% increase in notifications referred by the Office of the Health Ombudsman in Qld
- there were 42 notifications closed after a panel hearing and 47 tribunal decisions finalised during the year
- Qld boards and committees took ‘immediate action’ 109 times as an interim step to manage risk to public safety during the year, leading to a restriction on registration in 86 cases, and
- there were 1,078 cases under active compliance monitoring in Qld as at 30 June 2016, accounting for 21.7% of all cases nationally.

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