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Islander Health Practice  
Chinese Medicine  
Chiropractic  
Dental  
Medical  
Medical Radiation Practice  
Nursing and Midwifery  
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Podiatry  
Psychology

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

## Media release

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### Quarterly registered health practitioner data released today

The 10 National Boards currently regulating registered health practitioners in Australia today released the first of their quarterly updates on registration data.

The data published today reflect the March 2012 quarter. Registration data will in future be published quarterly, directly after the end of each quarter.

The data, split into separate reports for each National Board and including information about types of registration held, principal place of practice, endorsements, registrant age and gender, is published on the relevant Board's website under the *About* tab and is accessible via [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au):

[Chiropractic Board of Australia](#)

[Dental Board of Australia](#)

[Medical Board of Australia](#)<sup>1</sup>

[Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#)

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AHPRA CEO, Mr Martin Fletcher, said providing detailed data that accurately reflected the number of registered practitioners was one of the important benefits of the National Scheme.

“This information has enormous value for workforce planning and to help improve access to health services – it's one of the significant added values of national registration,” he said.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Medical Board of Australia will publish its data on its website under the News tab.*

From 1 July 2012 four more National Boards will join the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme); Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, medical radiation practice and occupational therapy. The new Boards will begin publishing registration data after their first year in the National Scheme. The Psychology Board of Australia has previously published registration data on its website. These reports will now be integrated into this wider reporting framework.

*The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) works in partnership with 14 National Boards to implement the national regulatory scheme for health professionals. The purpose of health practitioner regulation is to protect the public by ensuring that only health practitioners who have the skills, qualifications and knowledge to provide safe care are registered.*

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