



MEDIA RELEASE

SEEKING FEEDBACK ON REVIEW OF COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR PHARMACISTS

The pharmacy profession's competency standards are being reviewed through the Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC), a profession-wide collaborative forum of 11 pharmacy organisations.

Late last year the PPDC appointed the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA) to undertake work to help inform the review of the [National competency standards framework for pharmacists in Australia](#).

To date, the AHHA has completed background research and literature review focussing on the current competency standards landscape as well as evolution and recent advancement in health professional competency standards.

A consultation paper has been released and national consultation with pharmacists, other health professions, consumers, academics, government departments and other health bodies is currently under way through online surveys, interviews with selected individuals, written submissions and stakeholder consultation forums.

The pharmacists' competency standards framework is regarded as a dynamic document and is subject to regular review. The competency standards need to support professional pharmacy practice and growth, in the interests of public safety, and should reflect current and future needs of Australian health care consumers.

The PPDC is keen to engage with as many stakeholders as possible. Separate tailored surveys have been designed to receive feedback from pharmacists, pharmacy organisations and non-pharmacy health organisations or individuals.

Relevant documents and links can be accessed at:
<https://ahha.asn.au/pharmacy-competency-framework-consultation>

Please note the surveys will close on 30 January 2015 and we invite everyone to provide input.

There is also opportunity to provide feedback at a consultation workshop. Two forums are being held: Gold Coast on 29 January 2015 (in conjunction with the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) Congress) and in Canberra on 6 February 2015.

If you are interested in attending, please register at:
Gold Coast forum – <https://ahha.asn.au/events/pharmacy-competency-standards-consultation-gold-coast>
Canberra forum – <https://ahha.asn.au/events/pharmacy-competency-standards-consultation-canberra>

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