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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CONSULTATION ON COMPETENCY STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR PHARMACISTS**

The Pharmacy Practitioner Development Committee (PPDC), a profession-wide collaborative forum, has commenced consultation on a revised draft of the profession's competency standards framework.

Following the national public consultation activities of 2015, the PPDC has been revising the current document, the [National competency standards framework for pharmacists in Australia](#), to ensure it is consistent with contemporary pharmacist practice and the interests of public safety, and reflects future needs of Australian health care consumers.

A significant outcome of the review work has been the consolidation of eight Domains into five, primarily through the amalgamation of four Domains (4 to 7) in a way that provides a balanced emphasis between the dispensing functions, patient care and education. The *Leadership and management* Domain has also been substantially expanded and now includes two Standards (*Show leadership of self* and *Manage professional contribution*) which are universally applicable to all pharmacists.

Another important component of the current work has been the integration of the [Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework](#) into the revised draft to produce a single competency standards framework overall. This decision originated from feedback received during the 2015 consultation and was confirmed by the PPDC with the aim of making the 'continuum of pharmacist practice' concept more visible.

The PPDC is keen to hear from as many individuals and organisations as possible to assist with the further revision of the draft framework. Comments are welcome from members of the pharmacy profession as well as other interested stakeholders including consumers, other health professional groups and practitioners, educators, researchers and government bodies.

The consultation paper, including the revised draft framework, can be accessed [here](#).

Please review the consultation paper first and then provide feedback through the consultation survey which can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPDC-compreview>

Comments are requested by **28 April 2016**. Please direct any queries to: [ppdc@psa.org.au](mailto:ppdc@psa.org.au)

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