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**Paramedicine
Council**
of NSW

Paramedicine Council of New South Wales Newsletter November 2018

Council members have been appointed

The Governor has appointed six members to the new Paramedicine Council of New South Wales. The Council members were nominated by the NSW Minister for Health after a call for expressions of interest earlier this year.

The Council members appointed until 30 June 2021 are:

- Mr Peter Lang, Paramedic
- Ms Cassandra McKenzie, Paramedic
- Mr Alan Morrison, Paramedic
- Mr Brian Parsell, Paramedic
- Ms Margo Gill, Community member
- Mr Greg McCallum, Australian lawyer.

The Council is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW)* to protect the public by regulating paramedics in NSW. From 1 December 2018, the Council will manage complaints about the conduct, performance and health of registered

paramedics in NSW.

The Council will focus on safe professional practice, maintaining public safety and minimising risk. The Council will use its legal powers to prevent unsafe practice and to ensure that paramedics and students comply with any conditions on their AHPRA registration that restrict their practice. Serious conduct complaints will be referred to the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) for investigation.

Paramedics, register now!



(Sourced from Paramedicine Board of Australia)

From 1 December 2018, paramedics must be registered with the Paramedicine Board of Australia and meet the Board's registration standards in order to practise in Australia.

Your registration will not become active or appear on AHPRA's online Register of health practitioners until 1 December 2018 (the date the regulation of paramedicine takes effect). You can continue to practise as a paramedic while your application is being assessed, as long as you have submitted a complete application before this date.

Why you must be registered

The National Law is primarily concerned with protecting the health and safety of the public.

The National Law provides strong penalties for those who breach it. From 1 December 2018, it will become an offence for a person who is not registered with the Board to:

- use the title 'paramedic' or 'paramedicine'
- claim to be qualified to practice as a paramedic, or
- otherwise hold themselves out as a paramedic.

The National Law also requires that employers and engaging organisations (e.g. volunteer organisations) ensure that the people they hold out or employ as paramedics are registered. Organisations such as employers or insurers may also require you to register.

You are receiving this newsletter as part of the introduction of paramedicine to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The Health Professional Councils Authority is an important part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. We work in partnership with the NSW Health Professional Councils in the regulation of health practitioners in NSW.

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