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## On-line rego for Qld health practitioners great success

Queensland's 27,000 health practitioners registered with Boards supported by the Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards have responded enthusiastically to the first opportunity to renew registration on-line.

The Office of Health Practitioner Registration Boards (OHPRB) reported 1,500 practitioners each week had signed on to [www.healthregboards.qld.gov.au](http://www.healthregboards.qld.gov.au) since renewal of registration began on 1 May.

Professionals in the fields of chiropractic, dentistry, dental technology and prosthetics, medical radiation technology, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry, psychology and speech pathology must be registered by the relevant Board before they can practise in Queensland.

Of more than 27,000 practitioners in the 12 fields, 6,249 chose to renew registration on-line as of 2 June. As of 2 June, the proportion of total registrants per profession choosing to renew on-line were as follows:

- 15.03% of the State's 739 chiropractors;
- 17.51% of 2,450 dentists, 29.68% of 310 dental specialists and 20.99% of 705 dental auxiliaries;
- 12.81% of 648 dental technicians and 15% of 199 dental prosthetists;
- 22.65% of 2,559 medical radiation technologists;
- 27.75% of 2,526 occupational therapists;
- 24.46% of 1,007 optometrists;
- 15.6% of 140 osteopaths;
- 25.6% of 4,975 pharmacists;
- 25.54% of 4,088 physiotherapists;
- 14.61% of 568 podiatrists;
- 22.83% of 4,986 psychologists; and
- 19.63% of 1,289 speech pathologists

The Boards are encouraged by the take-up rate of on-line renewal with forthcoming national registration of health practitioners from 1 July 2010 where on-line services will be standard practice.

On-line renewal of registration offers a number of benefits. Registration status is updated immediately and there is no wait to identify payment problems. Renewing on-line means practitioners no longer have to complete forms and can ensure their contact details held by the Board are current.

Practitioners and the public can check registration status by visiting [www.healthregboards.qld.gov.au](http://www.healthregboards.qld.gov.au) and selecting the relevant Board (such as Chiropractors Board of Queensland) to be taken to the Board's website (such as [www.chiroboard.qld.gov.au](http://www.chiroboard.qld.gov.au)). Select *Check Registration*, select the Board register (where more than one exists), enter a practitioner's last name (first name optional) and select the name when it appears for further details.

**If a practitioner's name does not appear, that practitioner is not registered with the Board and may not practise in Queensland.**

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