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National registration of paramedics - time to have your say on the draft registration standards

The Paramedicine Board of Australia has released draft registrations standards for public consultation. Now is the time for paramedics and other key stakeholders, including the public, to have their say about the standards that will govern registration when it commences later this year. The Paramedicine Board is accepting feedback on the draft registration standards until close of business 8 February 2018.

As reported in *October 2017*, one of the hallmarks of the National Scheme is nationwide registration standards. There are five mandated registration standards that all national boards, including the Paramedicine Board, must develop and apply. They are:

1. Professional indemnity insurance arrangements
2. Criminal history of applicants
3. Continuing professional development
4. English language skills
5. Recency of practice

The Paramedicine Board has now released drafts of the above mandatory registration standards together with a draft Grandparenting registration standard. The Grandparenting registration standard will only apply for the first three years of national registration. Copies of the draft registration standards and information on how to make submissions are available on the *Paramedicine Board's website*.



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Following the consultation process the Paramedicine Board will finalise the registration standards and submit them for approval by the COAG Health Council. Once approved it is anticipated the registration standards will be published on AHPRA's website. Those wishing to apply for registration as a paramedic will need to familiarise themselves with the specific requirements set out in the registration standards and ensure compliance in order to obtain, and thereafter maintain, registration as a paramedic.

Meridian Lawyers is well placed to provide advice to paramedics about all registration issues.

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