



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

**National Registration and Accreditation Scheme  
for the Health Professions**

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON  
PARTIALLY REGULATED PROFESSIONS**

The Council of Australian Governments decided that the nine health occupations that currently have statutory registration requirements in each state and territory will be the first to be included in the national registration and accreditation scheme for the health professions. These health occupations are nursing and midwifery, medicine, physiotherapy, psychology, optometry, chiropractic care, dental care (including dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists and dental prosthetists), osteopathy and pharmacy. Health ministers agreed that podiatry will also be included in the scheme as soon as practicable.

Health ministers will consider other partially regulated health occupations for inclusion in the scheme. The Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee, a joint Commonwealth/State/Territory committee, will assess the following partially regulated health occupations against criteria set by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC):

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers;
- Dental technicians;
- Occupational therapists;
- Medical radiation practitioners (diagnostic radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists and nuclear medicine scientists);
- Speech pathologists;
- Chinese medicine practitioners; and
- Optical dispensers.

Organisations and individuals with an interest in the regulation of the above health occupations are invited to provide a written submission to be considered by the Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee for advice to health ministers. Only submissions that address the AHMAC criteria will be considered.

Further information about the scheme and the AHMAC criteria form part of the Intergovernmental Agreement which can be found at [www.nhwt.gov.au/natreg.asp](http://www.nhwt.gov.au/natreg.asp).

Submissions must be provided in electronic form marked 'Attention: Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee' to [NRAIP@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:NRAIP@dhs.vic.gov.au) by 5.00pm EST on Friday, 3 October 2008.