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WA pharmacy rego fees change

APPLICATIONS made to the Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia will have a new fee structure applying effective from 01 Jan 2023.

The organisation has advised that "due to the increased workload involved, separate fees will apply for each type of application".

"For example, if you are applying for a Relocation along with a Change of Ownership, the fee will be \$2,000 (\$1,000 x 2)," according to an update on the Board's website.

Previously multiple changes would require only a single fee.

PSA launches accreditation program

AHEAD of the closure of the Australian Association of Consultant Pharmacy (AACP) on 31 Dec, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) has launched its Accreditation Credentialing Program for Comprehensive Medication Management Reviews (MMRs).

PSA National President, Dr Fei Sim, said the organisation was the "natural home" for accredited pharmacists.

"We are incredibly proud to offer a complete package of high-quality learning, training and ongoing career support for accredited pharmacists and those looking to become accredited," Dr Sim said.

"PSA's Accreditation Credentialing Program will give pharmacists the knowledge, communication skills, and counselling to provide high quality, complex medication review services through collaborative care models with other health care providers.

"Accreditation provides

opportunity for career pathways and progression, a key pillar of the PSA's ongoing advocacy for roles, remuneration and recognition of pharmacists.

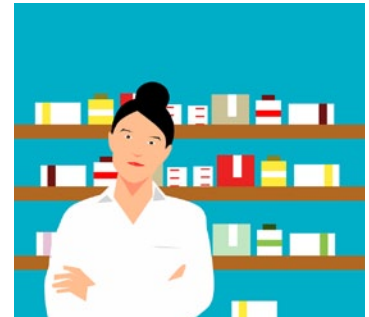
"PSA, as a co-founder of AACP, has supported accreditation in the Australian healthcare system for over 20 years.

"As an organisation we have a long history of advocating for accredited pharmacists, from introducing RMMRs, introduced under the Second Community Pharmacy Agreement, to expanding roles for accredited pharmacists in GP clinics.

"We are very proud of how far accredited pharmacists have come, but we are now focused on how we can continue improving and growing this workforce.

"It is vital that accredited pharmacists are fairly remunerated and able to earn a full-time salary from their qualifications.

"PSA will continue advocating for the removal of the cap on HMRs and RMMRs, and for onsite



accredited pharmacist roles in aged care, general practice, and disability care. We are focused on advocating for pharmacists to be able to prescribe, deprescribe, administer and review medicines, regardless of location.

"We have a strong vision for the future of accreditation and want to see accreditation become another major career pathway for pharmacists."

Sim added that accreditation provided the infrastructure for the expansion of the profession's scope of practice.



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GPs frustrated by Queensland Govt

ROYAL Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Queensland Chair, Dr Bruce Willett, is questioning the reasons why the organisation has yet to receive information about the North Queensland Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot (NQPSPP) requested under the *Right to Information (RtI) Act 2009*.

Willett told the *Courier Mail* that the RACGP had submitted the request for documentation relating to the trial, including meeting papers and minutes, budget documents and briefing notes relating to the trial, but no details have been released to date.

"This delay is unacceptable," Willett said.

"What has the Government got to hide exactly?"

"The (college) lodged an application in Mar this year and then received a Notice of Intention to Refuse the application in late Apr.

"After the application was revised the department agreed to process

it but asked for an extension which we willingly granted.

"In early Sep, we advised them that we needed the documents as soon as possible and said that the college would seek review via the Office of the Information Commission if additional extensions were required.

"Then more extensions were requested, a new Principal RtI Officer took over the application, they advised that they were conducting internal consultations and many emails were exchanged and phone conversations took place and on and on and on it went.

"Enough is enough, this has gone on for too long.

"We have gone through all of the proper processes and appear to have been stonewalled."

The RACGP has repeatedly warned that the NQPSPP would fragment care and put patient safety at risk.

Newly appointed RACGP President and Mackay-based GP, Dr



Nicole Higgins, said scrutiny of the trial, which is due to get underway in the second half of 2023, was needed more than ever.

"This is not rocket science, if due process has been followed then these documents exist, and it is in the public's interest to know what they contain, especially as this pilot is the product of an election promise rather than responding to a demonstrable public need," Higgins said.

Both the RACGP and the Australian Medical Association walked away from the NQPSPP Steering Reference Group earlier this year (**PD** 14 Feb).

Shortages hit UK antibiotic plan

PHARMACISTS in the UK are reporting a nationwide shortage of antibiotics, despite Government ministers saying they were unaware of the issue.

Concerns over the shortages have emerged as plans to provide preventative antibiotics to be distributed to schools have been floated as a potential response to surging scarlet fever and streptococcus A (strep A) infections in school children since the beginning of Sep (**PD** 07 Dec).

Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies CEO, Leyla Hannbeck, said pharmacists have been dealing with frustrated and angry customers who had been misled by Health Secretary, Steve Barclay, and forced to visit several stores to try to access antibiotics.

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Dispensary Corner

OFFERING free health advice is nothing new for pharmacists, but growing pressure on the British health system has pharmacists warning that they will refuse to provide more unfunded services.

With ambulance staff and nurses set to strike before Christmas, and junior doctors to vote on industrial action in Jan 2023, the British Government has been looking to pharmacists to step up and ease pressure on the health system.

However, Association of Independent Multiple Pharmacies CEO, Leyla Hannbeck, told *iNews* that the profession "simply cannot do it without additional funding".

"We cannot be asked by the National Health Service (NHS) to do more and more work for free," she said.

"It's just not happening. It's not a possibility to add more on pharmacists' shoulders without support.

"We've got workforce challenges in that the minimum living wage is going up.

"Energy bills are going up, everything else is going up and we've kept our doors open throughout the pandemic.

"We just cannot simply take on more and more without anyone helping with our costs.

"If they give us funding, we've always said we're very happy to do everything we can do.

"Community pharmacies are at the heart of the community... without nagging and moaning about doing it, but enough is enough."

Fraudster pharmacist to repay \$1.9m

ASSETS belonging to a Brisbane-based pharmacist charged with defrauding the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), are set to be liquidated to repay the Federal Government.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) reported that the Criminal Asset Confiscation Taskforce (CACT) had seized two residential properties, a share trading account and cryptocurrency linked to the 43-year-old.

The Department of Health and Aged Care (DoH) alleged the pharmacist had fraudulently claimed \$1.9 million in PBS payments for "pharmaceutical benefits which were not actually supplied to eligible patients".

The man was initially charged with one count of obtaining a financial advantage by deception contrary to section 134.2(1) of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

"Following the criminal charge, the DoH referred the matter to the AFP to consider commencing



confiscation proceedings," the Federal agency said.

"The CACT worked closely with DoH investigators to identify suspected proceeds of crime under the man's control and restrained assets.

"On 12 Jul, the District Court of Queensland ordered the pharmacist to pay \$1.9 million to the Commonwealth pursuant to section 116(1) of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).

"The debt will be paid from the sale of restrained assets including a

share trading account worth \$1.37 million, cryptocurrency and two houses in Brisbane.

"Money from the liquidated assets will be paid into the Confiscated Assets Account, which is managed by the Australian Financial Security Authority on behalf of the Commonwealth.

"These funds can be distributed by the Attorney-General to benefit the community through crime prevention, intervention or diversion programs or other law enforcement initiatives across Australia."

Qld Police investigate armed robbery

QUEENSLAND Police are hunting a gang of armed bandits following a raid on a Brisbane pharmacy on Sun night.

CCTV footage from the Annerley Midnight Chempro Chemist, showed the group of seven thieves wearing hooded jumpers and balaclavas, brandishing bats and machetes entering the store at 7.50pm.

Police confirmed the gang fled the scene in two vehicles - a Mitsubishi Outlander and a Kia Stonic, both of which had been stolen in Nov - with an unspecified sum of money and prescription drugs.



The two cars were located abandoned on Devreis Road in Pallara, about 15km from the pharmacy.

Police confirmed that no one was physically injured during the robbery.

Pharmacist jailed

FORMER co-owner of the New England Compounding Center, Gregory Conigliaro, has been sentenced to one year behind bars for conspiring to defraud the US Government.

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