

# PARAMEDIC

# REGISTRATION

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# FAQ

## The next steps in ADHSU fight for professional recognition

### If I am still not registered by January 1, what is the process to regain my registration?

If you do not renew your registration by the expiry date or in the following one-month late period, your registration will lapse on 1 January. Once your registration has lapsed, your name will be removed from the national register in accordance with the National Law and you will not be able to use the title paramedic or otherwise hold yourself out as a paramedic in Australia. You will also be required to lodge a completely new application for registration if you seek to resume practice in the future.

For paramedics that have lapsed from the register, a fast-track application process is available for one month after the late registration period expires, between 1 January – 31 January. A fast-track application fee is payable in addition to the annual renewal fee. You should contact AHPRA as soon as possible to apply for a 'fast-track' application for registration if you wish to resume practice. You are unable to resume practice until your application is decided.

### Will I be stood down?

Paramedics will be invited to renew their registration before 30 November.

- Under the National Law, health practitioners have a one-month late period after the registration expiry date (30 November) to renew. If an application is received by AHPRA before the end of December, you will remain registered and able to practice. Your registration expiry date on the register of practitioners will be updated only when processing of your application is complete.
- An application for renewal in the late period will incur a late fee (\$30).

**If you are stood down, you will be stood down with thousands of other ADHSU paramedics**

**Imagine the pressure of the community on the government if they were to allow this to happen!**

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## Can I work in my secondary employment role?

You cannot work as a paramedic as soon as you are non registered. If you have secondary employment or are on a board/committee and are advertised/promoted as being a Paramedic (website, advertisement etc.), this would need to be changed or removed.

If you work under any other title (e.g. medical officer, first aid officer etc.), this is ok.

If your secondary employment stipulates you need to be a 'Paramedic' to complete the role, you cannot work in this role.

## What are the rules regarding grandparenting/qualifications if my registration lapses?

If you have already been registered with AHPRA then the qualifications have already been met so they should be able to reregister the same as everyone else.

If you have been issued your qualifications from NSW Ambulance (Ambulance Service of NSW) then this has been deemed an acceptable qualification for general registration.

If you have received your qualifications from another RTO provider or overseas then you will have to submit your evidence to have your qualification assessed by the Paramedical Board of Australia. For further information- <https://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au/Qualifications/Assessment-of-overseas-qualifications.aspx>

## Is non-practicing registration a good option?

You cannot work as a paramedic as soon as you go 'non-practicing'. If you have secondary employment or are on a board and are advertised/promoted as being a Paramedic (website, advertisement etc.), this would need to be changed to "Paramedic - non-practicing."

To switch back to practicing registration can take 4-6 weeks.

**This could be a major issue - this is not a recommended option.**

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