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ATTENDANCES BEFORE THE BOARD

As part of the Board's recent inspection and audit process, the Board has noted that Proprietors of registered premises are signing declarations that the premises comply with the Pharmacy Act 2010 (Act), Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (Regulations) and the Board's Guidelines, without satisfying themselves as to the compliance of all items. The Board reminds all applicants that in addition to the Board cancelling the registration of premises where an application contains or is accompanied by information that is false or misleading in a material particular, the Act also provides for substantial penalties for providing false or misleading information.

As a result of concerns regarding information accompanying applications, the Board has requested some applicants to appear before the Board to explain certain matters associated with their applications. Proprietors are reminded that the renewal of the registration of premises is an "Application" and as such applicants may be requested to attend before the Board to explain any matters associated with the renewal, including the accompanying declaration.

Attendance before the Board

The Board has recently had two pharmacy owners appear before the Board in respect of applications made to the Board. The following is a summary of these attendances.

Attendance 1

The pharmacist with a proprietary interest was found to have failed to comply with the Act and Regulations at the registered premises in that:

- (a) Premises in which the pharmacist had a proprietary interest had not complied with the Minimum Standards at the time of the Board's inspection or desk top audit activities.
- (b) Despite repeated assurances from the pharmacist that he had implemented systems to ensure ongoing compliance with the Minimum Standards at all times the Board's inspection and desk top audit did not support this.

The pharmacist was reprimanded and the Board decided that the pharmacist with a proprietary interest is required to:

- Include in his induction processes for all new staff at pharmacies in which he has a proprietary interest, monthly checklists for compliance, explanations as to how these checklists should be used and processes for rectifying any non-compliance.
- Provide a detailed description of this induction process to the Board.

The Board further decided that:

- Inspection and/or desk top audit activities of premises in which the proprietor has proprietary interest will occur on an impromptu basis.
- If these Inspections and/or desk top audit activities of premises in which the proprietor has a proprietary interest identify further matters of noncompliance the Board will consider making a notification to the Pharmacy Board of Australia alleging unprofessional conduct.

Attendance 2

The pharmacist with a proprietary interest was found to have failed to comply with the Act and Regulations at the registered premises in that:

- (a) Premises in which the proprietor had a proprietary interest had not complied with the Minimum Standards at the time of the Board's inspection or desk top audit activities.
- (b) The pharmacist, despite his advice that he was aware of the requirements of the Pharmacy Act 2010, Pharmacy Regulations 2010 and the Board's Guidelines, had not applied to the Board for approval for significant alterations made at the premises.

The pharmacist with a proprietary interest was reprimanded and the Board decided that he is required to:

- Provide the Board with a monthly report of how compliance is being achieved at the premises.

The Board further decide that:

- If any future Inspection and/or desk top audit activities of premises in which the proprietor has a proprietary interest identify further matters of non-compliance the Board will consider making a notification to the Pharmacy Board of Australia alleging unprofessional conduct.

John Harvey
Presiding Member