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# PHARMACY REGISTRATION BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## Communiqué

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### 2016 Registration Renewal Statutory Declarations

Applications to renew the registration of pharmacies to 30 June 2017 were mailed earlier this month.

The Board renews the registration of a pharmacy *if* the submitted Statutory Declaration completed by the Pharmacist with Overall Responsibility (Responsible Pharmacist) supports compliance with the legislation and the requirements it considers are in the public interest.

You are reminded that Section 64 of the Pharmacy Act 2010, *False and misleading information*, prescribes:

- what a person must not do in relation to advice or information given to the Board, or the Registrar, regarding an application or compliance, or purported compliance, with any requirement of the Act; and
- the penalties for providing the Board with false or misleading information.

A random sample of completed Statutory Declarations will be subjected to Audit in the form of either:

- established site audits conducted in conjunction with an inspection of pharmacy premises to assess compliance with the minimum standards of fitness for the competent and safe practice of pharmacy, as prescribed under Schedule 1 of the *Pharmacy Regulations 2010 (the Minimum Standards)*; or
- new desktop audits of compliance with Clause 4 (Access to reference documents) of the Minimum Standards.

The Board is commencing desktop audits because it recently received advice that the uptake of the latest edition of one of the prescribed reference documents, the APF23, is significantly lower than expected. This advice accords with the outcome of inspections conducted since publication of the APF23 in February 2015.

If a desktop audit is conducted on the Statutory Declaration, the Responsible Pharmacist will initially be required to provide proof of purchase of at least one prescribed reference document as evidence that the pharmacy premises has access to the latest edition of that reference document. Subsequent requirements will be determined by the outcome of the Board's review of the provided documentation.

If either audit process identifies any apparent discrepancies on Statutory Declarations, Responsible Pharmacists may be required to appear before the Board at an appointed time in order to explain the discrepancies personally.

**John Harvey**  
Presiding Member