
Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia

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GUIDELINES FOR CLOSURE OF A PHARMACY BUSINESS

Closure of a pharmacy business includes:

- **Closure of a pharmacy business and relocation to new premises**
Ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises and commencing the operation of the pharmacy business at new registered premises.
- **Closure of a pharmacy business and vacation of premises**
Ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises and vacating the premises.
- **Closure of a pharmacy business and staying at premises**
Ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises and continuing or commencing the operation of another business at the same premises.

The Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia requires a pharmacy proprietor who is ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises to:

- Advise the Registrar in writing of this intention at least 14 days before the planned date for closure.
Pharmacy Act 2010 - Section 52
- Remove or obliterate all signs and notices referring to the practice of pharmacy within seven (7) days of closing the pharmacy business and provide the Registrar with photographic evidence of this action within 10 days of closing the pharmacy business.
Pharmacy Act 2010 - Section 60
- Arrange for the removal of internet references to the practice of pharmacy at the location of the ceased pharmacy business within seven (7) days of closing the pharmacy business and provide the Registrar with confirmation of this requirement within 10 days of closing the pharmacy business.

Internet references include those under the control of the pharmacy proprietor, such as a pharmacy business website, and those under the control of a third party, such as shopping centre or marketing group websites, that include references to the pharmacy business.

- Provide the Registrar with preferred email address and personal mobile telephone number for potential future correspondence.

- Forward applicable correspondence to The Assistant Registrar, via email, at Applications_Admin@pharmacyboardwa.com.au.

The Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia refers a pharmacy proprietor who is ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises to all relevant authorities including:

- The Medicines and Poisons Regulation Branch, Department of Health, Western Australia.
- Australian Government Department of Health – Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Approved Suppliers
Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- The Pharmacy Board of Australia
Code of Conduct, Closing or relocating a practice
- The Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
Business Name Registration

The Pharmacy Registration Board of Western Australia advises a pharmacy proprietor who is ceasing the operation of a pharmacy business at registered premises that penalties may be imposed for failure to meet the requirements of Section 52 and Section 60 of the Pharmacy Act 2010.

The information contained in this document is not intended in any way to replace or paraphrase any Act or Regulation. The onus of meeting the obligations imposed upon all pharmacists under the various Acts and Regulations falls on the pharmacists concerned.