# PHARMACY REGISTRATION BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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#### Communiqué

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## Receipt of Applications to the Board

The Board wishes to remind all applicants of the Board's *Guidelines* that completed applications are to be received by the Board at least 5 working days prior to the next meeting for these applications to be considered at that meeting. This includes all required documentation for significant alterations, new premises and relocations.

If an application is received less than 5 working days prior to the next Board meeting, the Board reserves its right to withhold tabling the application until the following meeting.

## **Follow Up Inspections**

The Board has instituted a new policy effective from 1 January 2016 as follows:

Following an inspection by the Board's Compliance Officer, the proprietor of the premises, or the Responsible Pharmacist, will be provided with a list of any areas of non-compliance identified and will be required to rectify the deficiencies and self-assess their compliance.

If the deficiencies are not rectified in a timely manner, or are of such a nature that they may impact upon public safety, then the Proprietor or Responsible Pharmacist may be required to appear before the Board.

Subsequently, a further inspection of the premises may take place, and if the premises are not compliant at that point in time, the Proprietor or the Responsible Pharmacist will be required to appear before the Board.

The Board is prepared to work with pharmacies to ensure ongoing compliance in the interest of public health and safety.

#### Office Closure

Please note that the offices of the Board will be closed from noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2015 and will re-open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2016. The first meeting of the Board in January will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2016.

Finally, on behalf of the Board I wish each of you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### John Harvey

**Presiding Member**