



COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE FRAMEWORK STEERING COMMITTEE

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee is a profession-wide collaborative forum established to progress tasks and initiatives associated with the national competency standards for pharmacists.

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice Framework Steering Committee has continued to work on several tasks and provides the following update.

- a. **Advanced pharmacy practice survey.** Committee Members would like to express their sincere appreciation to all pharmacists who took the time to participate in the survey on advanced pharmacy practice and shared their views and experience. The Committee was also pleased with the number of individuals who indicated their willingness to be involved in further work around developing formal recognition of advanced level practice. The outcomes of the survey will be published when full analysis has been completed. The results from the survey are being used to guide a way forward for the recognition of advanced level practitioners.
- b. **Web site.** Consideration is being given to the establishment of a dedicated web site which could be used as a repository for documents related to advanced pharmacy practice and provide communication around relevant activities in Australia.
- c. **Review of customised tool of entry-level competencies.** The Committee has agreed to commence a scheduled review of the customised tool of entry-level competency standards. The tool was released to the pharmacy profession in December 2011 and incorporated guidance on the contributions of pharmacy schools and intern training providers to the learning and professional development of students and candidates for initial registration. It was recognised that the tool would evolve with the application by, and experience of, various groups and individuals and a review had been foreshadowed for 2013.
- d. **Recognition model.** The Committee has established a working group to explore details around a future recognition model. The group recently met to commence this work and will be reporting back to the Committee on its initial discussions.

The Steering Committee is scheduled to next meet in late June.

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