



AMBO UPDATE

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Paramedics

Are you registration ready?

The date for renewal of professional registration for paramedics is approaching.

To ensure you are able to keep working, all paramedics need to have finalised their renewal application by the end of November 2020.

After the cut-off date for renewal, QAS will follow up with any non-registered paramedics about their renewal status to determine if they will be able to be used on forward rosters.

Regarding registration renewal, The AHPRA website states...

It is important that your contact details, including email, are current with AHPRA as you will be sent reminders when your registration is due to be renewed.

Look for these reminders from AHPRA as confirmation that online renewal is open.

After receiving your reminder, go to the [AHPRA login page](#).

IMPORTANT KEY DATES:

- **30 November 2020:** Expiry of your registration
- **1 December 2020:** Start of late period (*late payment fee plus registration renewal fee*)
- **1 January 2021:** Registration lapses (*your name is removed from the national register*)

As a financial member of United Workers Union, you will have received your Professional Indemnity Insurance certificate of currency to meet AHPRA standards for renewal of professional registration.

If you have misplaced your email, or recently joined the Union, [you can find your copy here](#)

Members of United Workers Union also have access to the [Talisium Online learning portal](#) to ensure

you have completed CPD learnings and have been able to document in the online logbook.

United Workers Union representatives met recently with AHPRA to discuss the limitations in achieving the CPD registration standards in the COVID-19 environment.

Whilst there has been some relaxation of expectations, there remains an expectancy that registered professionals have made an attempt to engage in professional development learnings and are honest regarding their accumulated hours. [See our member update about the AHPRA meeting here](#)

EMDs

Do you have an occupational violence story?

We are hearing from EMD members more and more regularly about the kinds of abusive, aggressive and clinically traumatic occurrences members are exposed to as part of their work.

To help us hear your voice and have your say, [please complete this survey](#). We want to hear your story.

Start the conversation, talk to your Op Cen delegates so examples of this kind of exposure to stressful situations can be documented.

The information gathered from the survey will be used in ongoing work being done between UWU and QAS in working towards improving and providing safer workplaces for our members in the Operation Centre environment.

If you have a co-worker who is not a member of UWU, email qldambulance@unitedworkers.org.au to join their union and, along with other members, get to have a say on this important issue.

Patient Transport

Certificate IV progress

United Workers Union representatives participated in the first meeting to discuss the implementation of Certificate IV Patient Transport Officers into the workings of QAS.

It has been a long time coming since the first group of patient transport officers have been upskilled to Certificate IV and as has been the case with many things, the roll out-of this initiative has been impeded by this year's COVID-19 restrictions.

The main priority of United Workers Union representatives has and will continue to be to ensure that the appropriate pay rate is applied once officers are allocated to this specific type of work.

If someone has been certified in this higher level of clinical practice, then the employer is obliged to

pay them appropriately.

If you are certified in Certificate IV in Patient Transport and have been utilised to date with your new skills and specific equipment, please make contact with the union office using the "Click here to report it!" button you'll find by scrolling to the bottom of the [UWU Ambohub webpage here](#). This will enable further discussion to occur with QAS regarding appropriate remuneration for your work.

Casual Conversion

Over the last number of months United Workers Union representatives have worked with long-term casual Patient Transport Officers to successfully gain conversion to permanent employment.

If you have a history of regular and continuous casual work, you may be eligible for conversion to permanency. To explore this further contact qldambulance@unitedworkers.org.au

In Unity,

United Workers Union