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THE AUSTRALIAN PHARMACY COUNCIL GETS READY FOR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION.

The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) is the association of pharmacy registering authorities of Australia and New Zealand. The APC facilitates a consistent approach to pharmacy regulation and accreditation. This supports the registering authorities' responsibility to ensure the protection of the public.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners is due to commence on 1 July 2010. Under this scheme the APC has been assigned the accreditation function for pharmacy and will operate under contract to the newly established Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA).

APC President Mrs Elizabeth Frost said "The commencement of the national scheme and the assignment of this contract from the PBA provide an ideal opportunity for APC to review its membership structure. At its meeting last week, APC agreed to invite national pharmacy organizations to join with nominees of the current Australian registering authorities and the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand to form a broad membership base for the future operations of APC."

Those invitations have been issued today so the new structure can be finalised before the national scheme commences on 1 July 2010.

Mrs Frost went on to add that "This important decision builds on the considerable experience, expertise and capacity that already exists within the current APC but at the same time places value, as we move towards the future, on the importance of collaboration and transparency throughout the whole Pharmacy sector."

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