

MANDATORY CPD IS COMING

The **Dental Board** of Australia was established under the Health Practitioner Regulation (administrative arrangements) Act, 2009. From 1 July 2010, the Board will operate with its full range of functions under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the national law) where adopted in a jurisdiction.

From 1 July 2010, the Dental Board of Australia will assume the registering role for dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists and dental prosthetists. Each of these groups will have to meet the same requirements to be registered and their registration will be recognized in all States and Territories.

The national law provides for the Dental Board of Australia to develop approved registration standards and this will include as part of the registration standard, mandatory continuing professional development (CPD). From 1 July 2010, all practitioners must undertake approved CPD activities as a condition of registration and the registration standard requires that:

Practitioners must:

- complete a minimum of 60 hours of CPD activities over three years (80 per cent of the minimum 60 CPD hours must be clinically or scientifically based)
- make a declaration of their compliance with CPD requirements at the time of annual renewal
- maintain their own records detailing their CPD activities for audit purposes
- produce evidence of their CPD activities when requested to do so by the Board.

The evidence will take the form of an electronic or paper-based logbook with details of the activities and the number of hours spent; the Board may ask for additional supporting information, such as certificates of attendance.

When a person registers for the first time, or has his or her registration restored after it has lapsed, the number of CPD hours to be completed will be calculated on a pro rata basis according to a formula published by the Board.

ADA WEBSITE ASSISTANCE

To assist ADA members in recording their CPD activities, the ADA website has a facility whereby members can record and maintain all their own CPD activities. Simply log into the ADA's Members' website and click on 'Edit my Profile' on the left-hand menu. From this section, members can update their own personal details as well as record their CPD activities under the 'Manage CPD' tab.

For further enquiries regarding assistance with recording your CPD activities on the ADA website, please contact the Marketing Team on 02 9906 4412.

For more information regarding your registration with the Dental Board of Australia, please visit their website at: www.dentalboard.gov.au/