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Important Notice

Dear Member

Renewal of Medical Board of Western Australia Registration 2009/2010

Recently, you will have received correspondence from the Medical Board of Western Australia (the Board) in relation to your renewal of registration. Following the introduction of the *Medical Practitioners Act 2008*, the Board has introduced a number of changes in relation to the renewal of registration for 2009/2010.

As part of the new renewal process, you are required to make a declaration in relation to your qualifications, health and any proceedings and convictions (Form R). MDA National is currently seeking urgent clarification from the Board with respect to the full extent of requirements on practitioners in relation to some aspects of the declaration, specifically:

Part 4 - "Health and Other Matters":

- "I have not at any time been affected by the use of, or dependent upon, a drug or alcohol to such an extent that my ability to practise medicine was affected adversely".
- "I have not had a significant illness that may affect my physical or mental capacity to practise medicine".

Part 5 - "Proceedings and Convictions":

- "I am not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings in any State or Territory (including any preliminary investigations or actions that might lead to disciplinary proceedings)".
- "I am not the subject of any criminal investigations; or convictions; nor have I ever been convicted anywhere of a criminal offence".
- "I have never had my clinical privileges altered, limited, removed or suspended by any employer/hospital or any Medical Board/Council in the past twelve months".

We will endeavour to keep you updated once we receive further information from the Board. If you have any questions about the completion of your registration renewal and, in particular, in the declaration under Form R above, please do not hesitate to contact our Claims and Advisory Services Team on 1800 011 255.

Yours faithfully,



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