

## **FACT SHEET**

### ***PHARMACISTS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2010***

Registration and accreditation of health professionals, including pharmacists, is now part of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professionals (the national scheme). This national scheme commenced on 1 July 2010.

Upon commencement of the national scheme, many of the functions and powers found in the *Pharmacists Registration Act 2001* became redundant.

The Intergovernmental Agreement signed by governments to establish the national scheme provided that the scheme would not cover the licensing of pharmacy premises and pharmacy ownership restrictions. These matters will continue to be the responsibility of the States and Territories.

The *Pharmacists Registration Amendment Bill 2010* amends the *Pharmacists Registration Act 2001* to remove from it functions and powers that transferred to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professionals on 1 July 2010.