

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

HEALTH PROFESSIONS BOARDS (ELECTIONS) ORDINANCE 1980

No.45 of 1980

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH

The Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance 1980 provides for a uniform system of election of those members of the 7 health professions registration boards established by Ordinances administered by the Minister for Health who are not appointed by the Minister. The Minister will appoint the Chairman and half of the other members of each board.

Appointed Chairmen and other members of boards will have been members of the respective professions for at least 3 years. Elected members of boards will likewise have been members of the respective professions for at least 3 years.

Candidates for election to a board must be nominated by practitioners registered under the Ordinance which establishes the board to which the candidate seeks election.

Members of boards other than appointed members will be elected by registered practitioners of the respective professions.

The Australian Electoral Office will be responsible for the conduct of elections.

Amendments of the Ordinances which establish each of the registration boards consequential upon the Health Professions Boards (Elections) Ordinance have also been made.

The electoral system created by the legislation conforms with the best current practice followed at present in industrial elections in the Commonwealth sphere.

The new electoral procedures will apply to the election of members of a particular health profession board upon a date fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

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