

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
HEALTH PROFESSIONS BOARDS (PROCEDURES) ACT 1981
PHARMACY ACT 1931

APPOINTMENT

INSTRUMENT NO. 110 OF 2000

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Pharmacy Board is established under Subsection 5(1) of the *Pharmacy Act 1931* (the Act). Paragraph 6(1)(a) of the Act provides for the Board to comprise of a Chairperson and three members appointed by the Minister in accordance with the *Health Professions Board (Procedures) Act 1981*; and 6(1)(b) of the Act provides for three members to be elected, as occasion requires, in accordance with the *Health Professions Board (Procedures) Act 1981*. In order to be eligible for the appointment of chairperson and members or to be an elected member practitioners must at all times during the period of 3 years immediately preceding the appointment or election, have been entitled, under a law of a State or Territory, to practise as a pharmacist in that State or Territory.

A vacancy on the Board occurred in August 1999 after the unfortunate death of Board member, Mrs Ruth Giesel. Since this time the Board has operated with six members. At the December 1999 meeting of the Board, the Board decided to approach Mr Paul O'Connor to fill the vacant position on the Board. Mr O'Connor is a registered pharmacist in the ACT. The Board is of the opinion that Mr O'Connor's appointment to the vacancy would provide continuity for membership as Mr O'Connor has previously served one term as an elected member of the Board and he was only narrowly defeated at the last election of Board members in 1999.

The term of appointment will be made from the date of gazettal of the notice and will continue for a period of no more than twelve months, in accordance with section 7 of the *Health Professions Board (Procedures) Act 1981*.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6(2) of the Act this person is eligible for appointment to the Board. Consultation with the Standing Committee on Health and Community Care has also taken place in accordance with the *Statutory Appointments Act 1994*.