



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Victorian Doctors 13 October 2008

Figures regarding an increasing number of Victorian doctors relocating to Queensland were not confirmed by the Medical Board of Queensland prior to release.

Official Medical Board registration figures show the number of doctors from Victorian medical schools moving to Queensland dropped 36 percent in 2007-08 compared to 2006-07 (198 to 127)\*.

Executive Officer of the Medical Board, Kaye Pulsford, said holding Queensland registration is not always a sign that a doctor permanently resides in Queensland.

"Doctors can and do hold multiple registrations across different Australian States and Territories," Ms Pulsford said.

"These figures also include graduates who may return to Victoria after completing their internships at Queensland facilities."

Registration period	University	Number of registrants
1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007	MB BS MELBOURNE	118
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	MB BS MELBOURNE	71

Registration period	University	Number of registrants
1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007	MB BS MONASH	80
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	MB BS MONASH	56

\* These figures do not include a number of Victorian practitioners who held short term registration (for a period of 5 weeks or less) in Queensland to provide locum and similar services.

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