



Communiqué

Meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia held on 26 & 27 August 2011

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (National Law).

This communiqué highlights key issues from the Board's last meeting. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

Meeting with the Chiropractor's Board of New Zealand

On 27 August 2011, the Board attended a meeting hosted by the Chiropractors Board of New Zealand in New Zealand. Many regulatory issues were discussed including continuing professional development, codes of practice and ethics, and overseas trained practitioners assessment and registration through the *Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997*.

Both Boards committed to further interaction and co-operation and plan to meet annually to strengthen the relationships and processes between the two Boards.

Renewal of registration

Registered chiropractors around Australia are required to renew their registration by 30 November 2011. Chiropractors will be able to renew their registration online for the first time.

Registrants will soon receive important renewal information from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). Practitioners who have provided AHPRA with their email address will receive up to three email notices as well as letters reminding them to renew their registration. The Board encourages practitioners to provide AHPRA with a current email address. This is easy to do online through the link at the bottom of both the Board and AHPRA websites: *Update Contact Details*.

The Board encourages practitioners to renew early and to renew online. If a practitioner has not applied to renew their registration within one month of their registration expiry date, their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise as a chiropractor in Australia until a new application for registration is approved. Under the National Law, they must be removed from the Register of Chiropractors if they do not renew in time.

Further information

Further information about the Board can be found on the Board's website at: www.chiropracticboard.gov.au and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on Policy and Guidelines affecting their profession. The Board reminds practitioners to make sure the contact details they have given to AHPRA are up to date and include a current email address in order to receive important updates, such as renewal reminders.

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