



Communiqué

Eighth meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia 30 May 2010

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*. At the eighth meeting, on 30 May 2010, the Board made decisions about a range of matters that will impact on the transition to the national registration and accreditation scheme.

Mailout to registered Chiropractors

The Chiropractic Board of Australia has written to every registered Chiropractor since late April, to support the transition of all registrants into the national scheme. The letter explains each practitioner's registration type from 1 July 2010 and explains what Chiropractors have to do to ensure a safe transition to the national scheme. The letter details the information that will appear on the online national Register of Chiropractors. Some registrants who may be registered in more than one jurisdiction may only be receiving their letters now. If a registered Chiropractor has not yet received a letter, they should contact AHPRA on 1300 088 590 as soon as possible.

National Call Centre

Since the mail out to registrants a call centre has been answering questions about the national scheme. The call centre will continue after 1 July to ensure that registrants have access to information about the scheme and can ask questions about any changes that will affect them under the National Law. The call centre number is 1300 088 590.

There is a range of detailed information on the Board's website published at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au. Registrants are encouraged to become familiar with the registration standards set by the Board and the expectations the Board has of registrants.

Operational readiness

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is working hard to ensure the systems and processes necessary to support national registration are in place on 1 July 2010. New offices have now been established in each State and Territory and staff training is now underway.

Registration standards

Registration Standards are now published on the Board's website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au

Codes and Guidelines

The Board thanks the individuals and organisations that provided thoughtful feedback on the draft codes and guidelines circulated for consultation in recent months. A final stakeholder consultation workshop on the revised Code of Conduct for Chiropractors as well as a CPD consultation meeting with CAA and COCA were held prior to the Board's May meeting. Comments provided shaped the final Codes and Guidelines.

Local Board member participation

The Board had previously reported its decision not to have State and Territory Boards under the national scheme. To retain the skills and experience of State and Territory Board members in the national scheme, the Board has invited the Chairs and members of existing Boards to express interest in participating on panels and working groups that the National Board may establish under the National Law. While the Board has received several expressions of interest, it hopes that more existing members will continue their valuable contribution to the profession in this way.

Registration Fees

The Board has set provisional national registration fees for 2010-2011. The final fees will be announced in June, when the Board completes assessments of the assets and liabilities of existing State and Territory Boards.

Dr Phillip Donato
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