



Communiqué

Chiropractic Board of Australia welcomes practitioners to national scheme

The Chiropractic Board of Australia welcomes practitioners to the national registration and accreditation scheme.

The establishment of the scheme has been a significant undertaking and accomplishment. With any new major change there are operational challenges and we ask you for your patience during this time. Since 1 July the AHPRA office has been responding to more than 3000 enquiries daily. Getting the national Registers accurate also involved transferring about 1.5 million practitioner records from 85 sources into a single integrated IT system.

Your registration has transitioned to the national scheme and you are now able to practise chiropractic across Australia (except Western Australia) through one registration. Western Australia will join the scheme later and anyone wishing to practise in that state until then must register with the WA Board.

AHPRA will soon mail you a letter which includes your new registration number and your User ID and pass code so you can renew your registration, via a form available online. Please keep these safe as you will need them again.

When your renewal is due, AHPRA will send you a reminder and a form. Renewal of registration is also available via a form online through the website. Some practitioners – mainly in Queensland and New South Wales - whose registration was due on 30 June and who did not renew on time, must renew their registration before 31 July or they will no longer be registered to practise. AHPRA is making contact with these practitioners this week.

Over the next 18 months, renewal dates and periods around Australia will vary until all chiropractors are brought into line by 2012 with the 30 November annual registration renewal date. As a result, during the first year of the scheme, you may be requested to pay for a period of registration shorter or longer than 12 months to bring your registration in line with the registration cycle of the National Board.

Renewal dates for the different jurisdictions are to be found at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au under registration renewals. This website publishes information about the new national scheme and the new standards that all registrants must meet under the national scheme. You can renew your registration, via a form available online, and change your contact details online. The Board urges practitioners to refer regularly to the website to make sure that they are aware of the Board's expectations of registrants.

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